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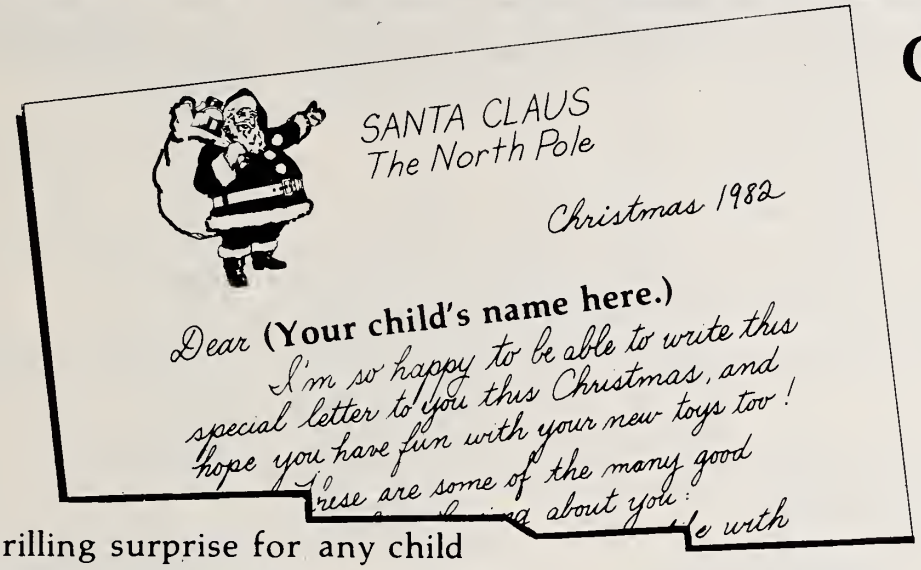

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Letters

Freedom

• In "The Contest For Freedom" (August), David M. Abshire correctly points out the greatest Soviet vulnerability as the freer flow of information and ideas. Unfortunately, this area has not been given a corresponding priority by our government and Congress over the years. However, it appears that recently proposed measures by the administration will significantly upgrade the capabilities of Radio Liberty, Radio Free Europe and the Voice of America broadcasts that provide information and ideas from the West to the people in the Soviet empire. This effort to advance the U.S. thrust in the struggle for freedom should not be allowed to falter.

JOHN BOLSTEINS
Rockville, Md.

• Author David M. Abshire states "with proper strategy, organization and leadership, the defense of democracies should be no problem." There is no mention of the need for a patriotic cause. Had it not been for U.S. military superiority over Germany in World Wars I and II, underscored by an Allied and U.S. cause, today's world would be very different. The U.S.S.R., prostrate after both wars, could have been contained, but the U.S. and the Allies muffed it with the confusion to "bring the boys home," thus allowing the Soviets to rebuild. Despite superior U.S. forces, the Korean War was a stalemate—because we did not have a true cause. Vietnam, another proving ground for the two adversaries, was lost for the same reason. Let us hope the United States does not become directly involved in what could become the next proving ground—the Middle East, where the true cause is not ours but Israel's need to survive.

JAY B. ROSENSWEIG
Lexington, Ky.

Child Abuse

• I was very impressed when reading Charles Downey's "Child Abuse: A Legacy of Self-hate" (September). Being a mother five times and a grandmother of five, I have done a lot of babysitting, not only for my own family, but for neighbors as well. I have seen child abuse and many emotional parents whose actions they do not realize are forms of child abuse. We all need this fast emerging information on child abuse not only for the mothers and fathers involved, but for the betterment of all our children and yours and to help our future citizens to be happier and healthier adults.

VIRGINIA L. NICHOLSON
Westover, W. Va.

Navy Art

• In regard to the excellent layout "Combat Art: U.S. Navy" (August), in the drawing "First Attack," the destroyer in the foreground is the USS *Smith DD378;* the carrier is the *Enterprise* and the battleship is the *North Dakota.* I was aboard the *Smith* that day when we lost 66 men but stayed afloat. What memories have been rekindled by artist Dwight Shepler's perfect visualization of this battle!

BOB DECKER
Bellingham, Wash.

Senility

• Regarding the "Senility" article by Doctors Yesavage and Lapp (August), the obvious reason that preventive medicine has had slow progress is contained in one word—profit. More money is made by treating a condition than by preventing it.

L. BRADLEY PRESCOTT
Spring Hill, Fla.

U.N.

• In reference to Philip C. Clarke's "Battling Back at the U.N." (June), I recommend that The American Legion commend Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick for her exceptional understanding and the guts to express it so forcefully.

CAPT. E. M. BLOCK
Chapala, Jal., Mexico

Nuclear

• In the article "Is a Nuclear Arms Freeze Advisable?" Big Issues, (August), Sen. Kennedy stated that the Soviets had 7,500 nuclear warheads and the United States 9,400. Where does he get his information? The Russians never put out honest figures and allow no inspection. Our own government has no way of knowing the number of warheads the Russians have.

GEORGE V. ANDERSON
Sterling, Ill.

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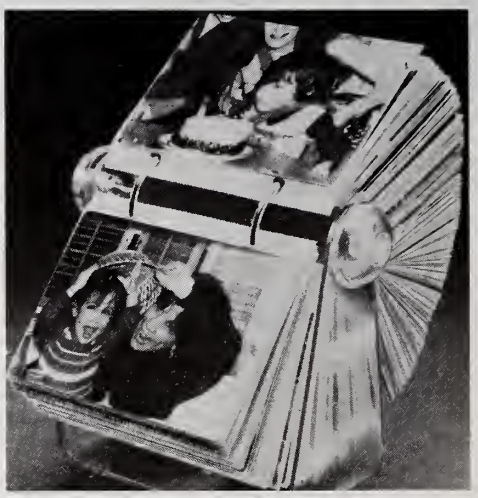

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Books

The Glorious Cause, The American Revolution, 1763-1789, by Robert Middlekauff. OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, PUB., $25. This book represents a significant contribution to both the history scholar and interested amateurs' libraries. It is the first book of a planned nine-volume "Oxford History of the United States." It is scholarly without the scholar's dry prose and marathon sentences. Indeed, the use of drama and exploration of colonists' building sense of outrage rivals the best fiction for sustained story telling. Finely drawn sketches of American statesmen and generals—coupled with clear, concise sketches of the major battles—round out this auspicious beginning of a major American history project.

Battleship Sailor, by Theodore C. Mason. NAVAL INSTITUTE PRESS, PUB., $14.95. At first, this appears to be one man's story (the author's) about service on one particular U.S. Navy battleship (the USS *California*) during one isolated period (the eve of the attack on Pearl Harbor.) Yet it's a tale for any man—or woman these days—who's ever served a stint in the enlisted ranks of the U.S. Navy aboard ship. Not surprisingly, the view of life in the Navy for those who serve below decks is quite different from their officers on the bridge. Sea stories—on liberty, at boot camp and under way—are wrapped around the author's credible observations that the pre-WWII Navy was more interested in form than being battle ready and that the job often got done by the enlisteds in spite of—not because of—the brand of leadership practiced by the officer community.

Donovan and the CIA, by Thomas F. Troy. UNIVERSITY PUBLICATIONS OF AMERICA, INC., $29.50. The author's preface tells us "this history was aimed at satisfying the need of employees of the Central Intelligence Agency, especially new or young professional ones, for a comprehensive and detailed account of the agency's origin. It was completed in 1975, classified SECRET and reproduced in sets of two volumes each." The book has been sanitized, declassified and probably will appeal only to a handful of readers outside the CIA who relish wading through the COI, OSS, CIG, CIA school of cryptic biographical writing.

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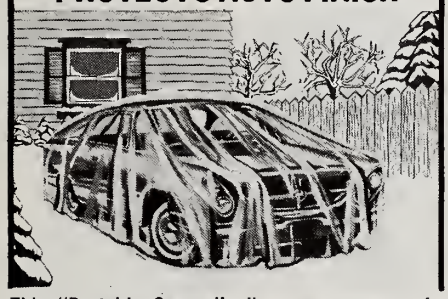

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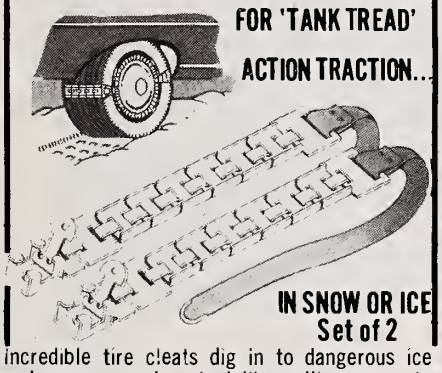

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Big Issues

Should The U.S.
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Rep. Dan Crane, R-Ill.

Yes. Why would anybody favor a tax system so confusing it encourages cheating? So inefficient it costs the economy almost as much as it brings in? And so complex that it benefits only the wealthy who can afford a battalion of accountants and lawyers to dream up sophisticated tax shelters.

There are two primary reasons why some like our present tax structure. First, they believe in liberal big spending that depends upon the graduated tax system and, second, they use complicated tax laws to buy the support of special interest groups by promising to create or preserve tax favors.

If everyone paid his fair share (say 10 percent of his income) and all loopholes were closed, people could use their money as they see fit, rather than buying fancy shelters to reduce their taxes. The money, talent and energies now going into non-productive gimmicks would go into real investments that strengthen America's economy.

If everyone paid his fair share, we would know just what running the government is costing each of us. The tax rate (or percent) would reflect the size of the federal government. Of course, the liberal big spenders don't want any such thing; if taxpayers knew what every new welfare scheme was costing us, they wouldn't stand for it. But the true cost of big government is hidden in the maze of our complex, confusing and antiquated tax laws.

If everyone paid his fair share, the IRS would find its workload cut by 90 percent, which would mean a reduction in bureaucracy. We'd then see how IRS auditors would perform in productive jobs in the private sector. If everyone paid his fair share, we could balance the federal budget by collecting the billions of dollars that fall through loopholes. If everyone paid his fair share, liberal big spending would be handcuffed, which would help reduce inflation. Interest rates would fall because the government wouldn't have to finance huge budget deficits.

Some politicians claim that a fair share tax will eliminate the homeowners deduction and cost you money. That's bunk. Which would you rather have: a few hundred dollars a year or 90 percent of your income tax-free?

Some churches and charities say they couldn't survive without tax deductions. But most people contribute to a church or charity because they believe in the work of these organizations. Any group with credibility doesn't need a tax preference. In fact, people will have even more after-tax income to contribute.

The bottom line is: if you're super-rich, a liberal big spending politician, an IRS bureaucrat or a welfare recipient, you'll fight tooth and nail against a fair share tax system. Let's establish a fair and equitable tax system that asks for a fair and equal share from each individual instead of placing the burden of taxes on just a few. As President Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Rep. Tom Daschle D-S.D.

No. Support for the adoption of a flat tax rate is fueled by the belief that it means a simplified tax system. In fact a flat tax, by simple dictionary definition, means that senior corporate executives and senior citizens must pay precisely the same rate.

When advocates of a flat tax say our present tax system is so complex it rewards armies of tax lawyers, but penalizes everybody else, they are correct. When advocates of a flat tax say some wealthy citizens and powerful corporations manipulate carefully crafted tax loopholes to avoid paying taxes, they are again correct. And when flat tax advocates say the intricacies of our tax system result in millions of hours and billions of dollars being spent devising ways to bilk the system, rather than ways to invest in productive enterprises, they are once more correct.

But when flat tax advocates claim their method is the best way to end the complexity and unfairness of our current tax system, they are flat wrong.

In examining how to fairly end the insanity of our present tax code, we should ponder some important facts.

We should ponder the conclusion of every study done on the flat tax, showing it would result in a multi-billion dollar transfer of the tax load away from people earning over $100,000 toward people earning $10,000 to $50,000. Even making allowances for those wealthy citizens who now manage to avoid paying any taxes—and the tax shelters and complicated dodges in the present tax code—a flat tax would still mean billions of dollars in tax savings for the wealthy and tax increases for the middle class.

We might also ponder the correlation between political support for huge new tax loopholes and for the flat tax. With few exceptions, the people now arguing most forcefully for a pure flat tax rate are the same ones who beat the drums loudest last year for new oil tax breaks, for allowing corporations to buy their way out of paying taxes, and for a tax cut mightily skewed in favor of the rich. They know a flat rate tax is the biggest boondoggle for the rich since the idea of selective tax loopholes was invented.

This country desperately needs tax simplification. It also needs a fair tax system. It can have both by adopting a mildly progressive tax rate, coupled with elimination of most tax loopholes. Such a system would incorporate the simplicity of a flat tax rate, while calling for millionaires to pay a modestly higher tax, say 30 percent, lower and middle income people perhaps 10 to 20 percent.

This progressive "10-20-30" tax simplification system would end the 50 percent to 70 percent tax rate of recent years that has stifled investment by the wealthy and led them into all manner of tax shelters. But it would retain America's 50-year commitment to the proposition that those whose lifestyles include vacation homes and yachts should in fairness be asked to carry a slightly larger burden than those facing retirement, declining farm prices, wage givebacks and unemployment.

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Our Technological Illiterates

Russia's launching of Sputnik into space 25 years ago jolted the United States into the realization that our schools were lagging in teaching math and science. In the midst of today's technological boom, we are again losing ground, says Rep. John LaFalce, D-N.Y., who has been urging steps to overcome the "sorrowfully" inadequate skills of the American work force.

National Academy of Sciences (NAS) figures indicate that of the 3 million annual high school graduates, 98 percent are functionally illiterate in math and science. Time spent on these subjects in other countries—including the Soviet Union, People's Republic of China, East Germany and Japan—is three times that of students in this country.

After Sputnik, the United States reacted speedily and vigorously. Today the response to the danger appears to be restrained.

The NAS has formed the Commission of Pre-college Education in Mathematics and Science and Technology. Also, there is a bill in the House, aimed at improving the technological skills of the work force, introduced by Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins, D-Calif., and in the Senate former astronaut Sen. Harrison H. Schmitt, R-N.M., has introduced the National Science and Technology Improvement Act of 1982.

Congress Views Short Work Week

The "shorter work week" concept popularized during the Great Depression has once again surfaced as a possible solution to today's high unemployment and recession.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., along with a group of supporters, has introduced legislation to reduce the work week to 35 hours, raise the premium rate of pay for overtime and eliminate compulsory overtime.

Recent trends in the work force have contributed to the rise in unemployment. At least 50 percent of those working today are women, and more young people are seeking employment. According to Conyers, some 8 million new jobs could be created if overtime were curbed and hours cut. He says those who have adopted the shorter work week have experienced higher morale and productivity, tighter management and greater efficiency.

False U.S. Identity Easy To Buy

If you have the cash, you can obtain almost any form of official U.S. identification, according to testimony before a Senate subcommittee by a 54-year-old convict serving time for counterfeiting and conspiracy.

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It has been estimated by the subcommittee that false identification papers have cost the U.S. over $24 billion, and the figure is still growing. Congressional concern has prompted the introduction of legislation to tighten the security for such official documents and increase the penalties of violators.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Worth Dying For—"Six years a long way from home taught me to love this country...Those six years taught me to pray. And I pray today for the young man who said, 'Nothing is worth dying for,' and that he may know—and that you and I may know also—if there is nothing worth dying for, then there is nothing worth living for." Capt. **Eugene B. "Red" McDaniel,** Vietnam POW.

New Business Truths—"...If we're to preserve the freedom of business to compete and move ahead with rapidity, we have to understand that the-sky's-the-limit is no longer enough. The selling is no longer enough. The quality of manufacturing, the quality of the environment and the quality of management: these are of prime consideration." **Malcolm S. Forbes,** editor-in-chief, Forbes magazine.

Important Lesson Relearned—"The past decade taught us once again an important lesson about the U.S.-Soviet relationship. In brief, it is that diminished American strength and resolve are an open invitation for Soviet expansion into areas of critical interest to the West and provide no incentive for moderation in the Soviet military buildup..." Secretary of State **George P. Shultz.**

We've Lost Our Privacy—"We've lost the penumbra of private inviolability and mystery that used to surround people. We are sort of ciphers under a 200-watt bulb." **Saul Bellow,** novelist and Nobel Prize winner.

Anti-Americanism Explained—"...Often anti-Americanism in Europe is simply the resentment of people who find the *joie de vivre* of the old world vanishing and blame America for having invented the consumer society." **Luigi Barzini,** former member of the Italian Parliament.

Unlocking Secrets Of Sea—"Militarily, we are becoming more aware that a favorable outcome in future conflicts grows daily more dependent on new knowledge from the seas. Today's naval weapons must perform at greater speeds and over greater distances than ever before..." Secretary of the Navy **John Lehman.**

Challenging The Unconquered—"...I don't think everything has been explored already. Young mountaineers today will always find something challenging. There is a human need for unconquered vistas. Every country has remote wilderness and today's young people are hardy enough to explore them." Sir **Edmund Hillary,** explorer, mountaineer.

City Of Cocker Spaniels—"Washington is really, when you come right down to it, a city of cocker spaniels. It's a city of people who are more interested in being petted, admired, loved, than rendering the exercises of power. The very tendency can, in turn, mean that to be shunned and ignored is painful." **Elliot Richardson,** former Cabinet member.

Hooked On Excitement—"Even if you're a Congressman or a Senator or a rock star or whatever else, the amount of time that you're actually on and people are clapping and jumping up and down and saying ooh la la to you is a very short period of time. Most of the time they lead very ordinary lifestyles even when they are very successful. And for people who get really hooked on all the excitement, they are vulnerable to a drug that will bring them back that feeling." Dr. **Robert DuPont,** founder, National Institute of Drug Abuse.

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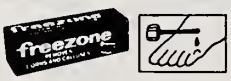

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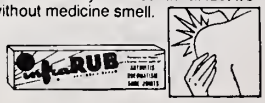

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News to Use

Ahead: Communications Systems Deluge

Because of advances in electronics and more lenient government regulations, a deluge of systems to supply fare for your TV will appear in the next three years. This lineup is emerging:

Cable TV: Spreading ever wider with ever more channels. Currently about 20 million homes are wired—for a monthly fee.

Over-The-Air Pay TV: Similar to cable TV, except no cables are involved. Instead, your regular antenna picks up scrambled signals, which a decoder unscrambles. There is a monthly fee.

Microwave: Another scrambled-signal system. But this one requires a special antenna for pickup, hence is well suited to apartment complexes with master antennas.

Satellite-To-Home TV: Just approved by the Federal Communications Commission for operation in 1985 or 1986. Programs will be broadcast via satellite directly to your home where you can pick them up with a relatively inexpensive "dish" antenna. Some programs will be free; others will be scrambled and require payment.

Floundering Debtors, Take Heed

In these tough times, it's easy to run into serious problems meeting payments on debts. When that happens, financial people advise that the debtor:

1. Immediately talk to creditors and explain the circumstances. Chances are they will either temporarily delay payments or reduce them. Creditors don't want debtors to default because they likely will lose money; debtors, of course, don't want their credit rating impaired—possibly for years to come.

2. If a debtor's situation is extremely bad, he should consult a professional, such as a consumer counseling service. Amateur solutions may only result in a deeper hole.

Meantime, consumers have two important protections:

1. They cannot be harassed by persistent phone calls at their place of employment, or after 8 p.m. Violations of this rule should be reported to the FTC Consumer Protection agency at 202-523-3727.

2. Persons who think they are being denied credit unjustifiably can ask for the name of the credit bureau that gave them a bad mark. The bureau then must provide a free copy of its file.

College Financial Assistance Alert

Although the 1982-83 college year is just starting, it's not too early to think about 1983-84, especially if you or your children will need outside financial assistance. Here's how to go about it:

1. Get a Financial Aid Form (published by the College Scholarship Service). Most colleges require this document when you apply for aid, so fill it out carefully and get it back to CSS as soon after Jan. 1, 1983, as possible.

2. Don't apply to just one institution. Contact several to improve your chances of getting help. CSS will send your application to as many colleges as you wish for a fee of $6.50 for the first application and $4.50 for each additional one.

3. Remember that colleges provide aid not only to the needy, but to scholastic achievers as well. By the way, "need" does not necessarily mean that an applicant actually has to be poor. A family with a good income may be needy because several members are attending college simultaneously. As for financial aid itself, it can be one (or a combination) of these three: outright grants of scholarships, loans or student employment.

Meantime, a new wrinkle in loans is developing. To supplement government-backed programs, colleges and universities are beginning to set up their own loan systems by selling tax-free bonds to raise the necessary funds. Example: Dartmouth College has just sold about $30 million of tax-exempt bonds (with a coupon rate of 10.62 percent), the proceeds of which will be loaned to qualified applicants at 11.9 percent. Variations on this theme are springing up in many areas.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

STUDENT AID.

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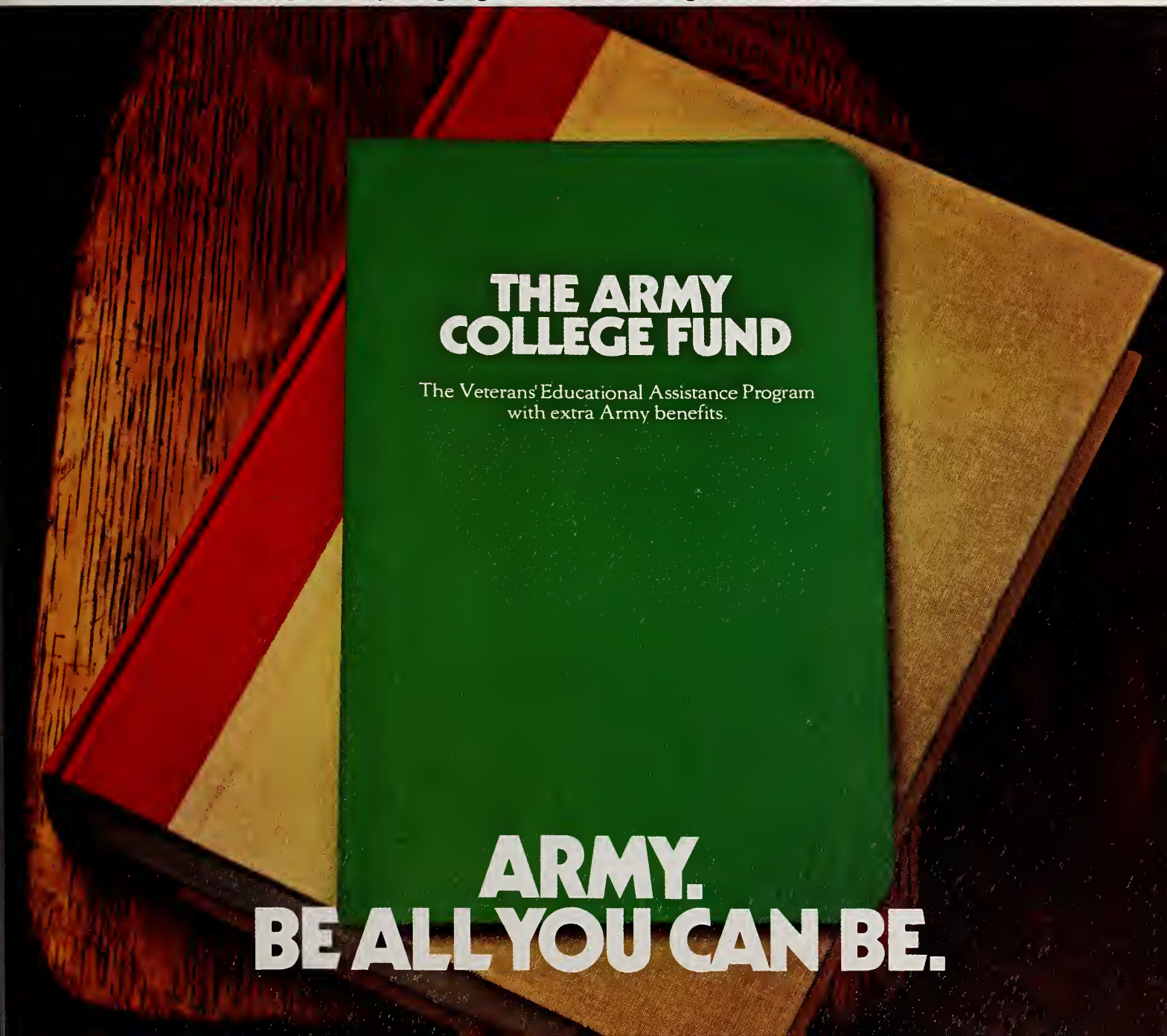

Hailing From The 'Prairie State': National Commander Al Keller, Jr.

National Commander Albert "Al" Keller, Jr., son of Swiss immigrants who settled near Peoria, Ill., in the early 1920s, is the seventh Legion chief to hail from the "Prairie State." Elected by the 64th National Convention, meeting in Chicago, August 24-26, Cdr. Keller believes the future of the Legion depends, in part, on how well we are able to motivate our members to become active in community affairs.

Speaking to more than 3,000 official delegates and Legionnaires assembled in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Keller said Legionnaires no longer seem to be as deeply involved in community service as they once were. "It's taken something away from us," he told them. "The strength of the Legion is in the individual, not just in our numbers; not just as one of millions, but as a committed, concerned Legionnaire serving his community."

The Commander also acknowledged the role of The Amerian Legion as a vital influence in national affairs. He encouraged delegates to bear in mind the power of their collective voice. However, he reminded them that "it's not enough to simply sign up new members. Those who decide to join in our efforts must come to realize their involvement in community affairs is not incidental to Legion membership, but essential to it.

"Community service," he said, "fashioned the Legion, and community service will sustain it."

At 57, Keller views his election to the Legion's highest office as the greatest challenge he has ever faced in a life already decorated with an impressive array of accomplishments. Moreover, the new Commander welcomes the opportunity to motivate Legionnaires everywhere and "instill in them the enthusiasm to go out in their hometowns and not only recruit members, but also to participate in our programs themselves," he said. "I want each of us to play a larger role in those things that The American Legion was founded to do."

Keller's Legion career began in 1947 when he agreed to attend a meeting at Kankakee Post 85 with a neighbor who was a World War I veteran and an active Legionnaire. He recalled that those former doughboys didn't waste any time when it came to signing up young GIs. "Before we had even reached the Post, I had signed an application and been briefed on the programs of the Legion."

Initially, he looked upon his Legion Post as merely a place to go to have a good time, but it wasn't long before his natural interest in baseball led him into volunteer service in the Post's sports programs. From there Keller took on additional duties and was soon considered by some of the "oldtimers" as a likely candidate for Post office.

"They persuaded me to run for Senior Vice Commander against two other candidates," he recalled. "Frankly, I didn't even know what the job entailed, but when the votes had been tallied I was the winner by three ballots."

The rest is history.

He went on to serve in virtually every Post capacity, including Post Commander and Adjutant. Rising quickly through the Department hierarchy, due primarily to his willingness to serve in any capacity and due to his enthusiastic support of the Legion's ideals and programs, Keller was elected Illinois Department Commander in 1958.

Not content to rest on his laurels after completing his year of stewardship, Keller remained active at both the local and national levels. Serving on several national commissions, he gained additional insight into the challenges facing the Legion and the veterans of America. In 1967, in order to more effectively contribute to the economic adjustment of veterans, Keller became a member of the National Economic Commission and served as its chairman from 1974-80.

Obviously, a man who has spent two-thirds of his life in service to his community and fellow veterans must be dedicated to helping others. And that's a trait Keller gets honestly; it's a way of life that was instilled in him and his two brothers by his parents, Albert and Ida. The senior Kellers—both of whom now live in Kankakee—came to America with neither money nor the ability to speak English. (As a matter of fact, though they are both Swiss immigrants—now naturalized citizens—they met in Illinois and were married shortly thereafter.) Determined to make the United States their home in spirit as well as fact, Albert and Ida worked hard and long and today credit much of their success to the generosity of neighbors who befriended them and helped teach them the American ways.

Al Keller the youngster is shown decked out in flight gear on the eve of his departure for Europe and WWII.

"Because of our circumstances, we learned to appreciate other people and learned that we needed them," Cdr. Keller said. "In turn, we also helped others whenever we could. My parents impressed upon us the importance of family togetherness and family life, and they—through example and word—taught us that nothing comes to you

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America's Booming Underground Economy

Clearly paradoxical, the underground economy is of great benefit and commensurate harm simultaneously

By Jay Stuller

It is difficult not to admire Trevor Rodgers (not his real name), a 34-year-old carpenter, father of three and as industrious a man as one could ever find. Five days a week he works for a contractor, but you'll often find him still hammering on Saturday and Sunday, building a deck, framing an addition or repairing the creaky stairway of someone's home.

His customers like him, not only for Rodgers' affable way, but because in his moonlight role he charges some 40 percent less than would a contractor on a formal basis. In gratitude, his clients frequently pay cash. And though Trevor Rodgers carefully obeys speed laws, keeps his dog on a leash and is the last person who'd ever hold up a liquor store, he rarely—if ever—reports his weekend earnings to the Internal Revenue Service. And that, obviously, is illegal.

In a capitalistic economy such as ours, however, Rodgers, despite the

tax evasion, is making a valuable contribution, albeit unintended. As Adam Smith wrote in his 1776 treatise, "The Wealth of Nations," an "invisible hand" guides and promotes general welfare far beyond the scope of a simple business transaction. Rodgers' cheap labor, you see, enabled the homeowner to afford lumber, which in turn provided employment at the lumber yard. This also parlays into jobs for loggers, millhands and truck drivers, and for all the individuals *their* spending supports. From a single transaction spread many thousands of economic ripples.

Nevertheless, in the words of Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman, Trevor Rodgers' failure to report his moonlight income "undermines the moral basis of society." But in the same breath, Friedman salutes just such zest for work and the positive impact it makes on our economy. "It's one of the bad things about many of the laws on our books," explains Friedman. "They make illegal or immoral certain actions that are ultimately socially beneficial."

Such is the paradox of the underground economy, subterranean commerce by otherwise law-abiding people: citizens rattled by high taxes and racked by inflation. No one knows the exact size of this economic sector, but some estimates have placed it as high as $420 billion a year, or about 14 percent of the nation's 1981 official Gross National Product.

One thing is certain: the underground economy is growing faster than a grass fire in a stiff breeze. Two professors at Florida State University figured that during the 1970s, the underground economy grew at more than twice the rate of the measured economy. And a number of indicators —such as the ratio of cash holdings to checking account deposits, a growth in self employment that in the last decade is 30 percent higher than total employment, and consumer spending that's uncannily strong despite a seeming weakness in income—all point to more off-the-books business.

Roscoe L. Egger, Jr., the commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, calls this the "compliance tax gap," covering revenues lost from non- or under-reporting by corporations and individuals in both the legal and illegal sector of the economy. "The total legal sector gap has tripled in eight years," said Egger during a House Ways and Means Committee hearing, "from $29 billion to $87 billion in 1981."

These lost tax revenues would clearly go a long way in cutting the federal government's enormous budget deficit. And if no significant inroads are made on the problem, said Egger, the gap "will reach nearly $120 billion by 1985." And on top of that, lost taxes from illegal activities—a doubleheader of crime—could increase from $8 billion last year to $13 billion in 1985. These figures may, however, be conservative.

"It's growing faster than a grass fire in a stiff breeze."

Ah yes, the underground economy, known in other circles as the Black Market. In France it's called *travail au noir,* in Germany, *Schattenwirtschaft.* In Italy—where it accounts for more than a quarter of that nation's economic activity—the *economia sommersa,* or submerged economy, is a veritable way of life. Whole industries, like a glove-making empire in Naples, thrived outside the law, free from government regulations and taxes. The British, with their cool charm, call the practice "fiddling."

Whether you call it "free-lancing" or "moonlighting" the results are the same: a sizable chunk of unreported cash in the pockets of millions of Americans.

In the United States, however, such fiddling was only 20 years ago considered the province of loan sharks, drug dealers, prostitutes, pimps and organized Godfathers. The Black Market—except for gasoline coupons during World War II—was a thing for less organized or less civilized nations. We prided ourselves on honesty in our voluntary tax compliance system. But today, tax dodging is a participant sport on par, in numbers, with jogging, golf and tennis combined.

It is not merely a ploy of the rich, although some doctors, lawyers and dentists have been known to barter their high-priced skills without reporting the goods or services received in trade as income. Some corporate executives pad expense accounts and pocket the difference between real and reported chits. The bulk of the activity, however, comes from "the little guy."

Some auto mechanics pocket the cash from a transmission repair job, as do some plumbers who make late-night calls to unclog a pipe. Some hairdressers, waitresses and bartenders report only a fraction of their tips. Some small businesses skim from the till. The tax evasion is most prevalent among the self-employed, whose pay is not subject to routine withholding as is the case with workers on wages and salaries. They make up more than 10 percent of the work force and, according to one IRS study, fail to report a whopping 40 percent of their income.

Part of the cause is a growing distrust and dissatisfaction with government, and not merely high taxes. Italy, for example, has had more than 40 government changes in the last 35 years and though tax rates are relatively low, noncompliance is high. Sweden, on the other hand, has a relatively stable government, yet one of the highest income tax rates in the world. The latter has bred, if not distrust, at least a great disaffection for the steep levies, so tax evasion and the underground economy flourish in that Scandinavian nation. The United States, with its scrambled tax laws, is cultivating a population that is going the way of Italy.

Bad examples are set when promi-

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The World's Mos

Even work-a-day, usually law-abiding citizens find it hard to resist the Siren song of greed

By William E. Miles

Mark Twain, returning from a trip to Europe, once became annoyed when a customs agent started rummaging through his luggage. "You don't have to mix up all my things," protested the author. "There are only clothes in there—nothing but clothes."

But the suspicious official kept looking until he uncovered a quart of taxable liquor. "You call this just clothes?" he inquired.

"Of course," replied Twain calmly. "That's my night cap."

The famous humorist didn't find it so funny when he had to pay duty on the bottle. And thousands of fellow travelers, before and since, have been equally unamused by the amazing use of science and psychology that has enabled the U.S. Customs Service, ever since its establishment in 1789, to shed new light on old larceny.

One of the favorite dodges of early day dope peddlers was to place heroin, which is white and colorless, in baking powder cans or containers of talcum powder. So the Customs Service hired a chemist in 1880 whose first job was to concoct what was, literally, an "acid test." One drop of a mixture of trichloroethane, chloroform, nitric acid and phosphoric acid would simply make ordinary baking soda or talcum powder fizz and remain colorless. But, applied to heroin, it trapped smugglers by turning bright purple.

Today thousands of items, from whiskey and wool to yak hair and

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heroin, are sampled and identified by Customs Service chemists in 12 laboratories throughout the nation. These examinations are necessary to determine the exact contents of the merchandise so that appraisers and collectors can determine the amount of duty to be paid into the U.S. Treasury.

But in addition to determining duties, these chemical analyses often result in saving lives. Not long ago a Miami store was prohibited from importing a shipment of beautiful red-and-black beaded necklaces because the "beads" were found to be Central America's dangerous jequirity berries—so toxic they could prove fatal to any child who licked them.

A number of years ago customs agents suspected that stolen cattle were being smuggled from Canada into upper New York State. Supplied with a special chemical by one of its laboratories, the agents crossed the border into Canada and, with the cooperation of Canadian law enforcement officials, secretly smeared the substance on herds of cattle in the area where the smuggling had been taking place. The chemical dried on the cattle, leaving no visible trace. Later a second chemical was smeared on the suspected herds on the other side of the border. Large red blotches soon appeared on the cattle, providing irrefutable evidence that they had been smuggled into the United States.

Smugglers' tricks have been considerably updated over the years, but so have the tactics used to trap them. Aside from chemistry, these include such new technological aids as radar, infrared light, seismic and acoustic sensors, and a nationwide computer system. But even without the benefit of this modern sensory equipment, it's the extrasensory perception (or sixth sense) of the 14,000 members of the Customs Service policing the nation's 296 ports of entry that has generally proven to be the most effective tool in catching crooks and uncovering contraband.

New customs recruits, under the tutelage of veteran inspectors, are given a special six-week crash course at the national training center in Uniondale, N.Y., where they are alerted to the hundreds of ruses that smugglers use to sneak things through: cheap American linings sewn into expensive European coats, valuable necklaces secreted in picture frames, precious stones hidden in hollowed-out copies of the Bible, and a host of other artful dodges. But the top lesson they learn is how to spot a "bad" actor. For smugglers are like actors trying to play an innocent role and, in many small ways, their performance often strikes a discordant note that a trained customs inspector can detect.

For instance, they are taught to look for incongruities in a person's appearance. A tall Belgian woman who made herself even taller by wearing high heels attracted one airport inspector's attention. He reasoned to himself this way: "Most tall women don't want to be tall, particularly in Europe, where tall men are scarcer than here. And she isn't wearing a wedding ring, which nearly every wife does in Europe. Why is she, probably still single, going out of her way to make it harder for herself to attract a man?" His hunch paid off when the heels of her shoes were opened in the matron's room and out tumbled $1,300,000 worth of diamonds!

"Some smuggling tricks are as bizarre as any to be found in a James Bond spy thriller."

A woman inspector's intuition also paid off when, while admiring a beautifully dressed woman, she noticed her coat seemed to lie awkwardly on her body. Closer inspection revealed why —42 fine Swiss watches sewn into the lining of her coat! And then there was the woman whose lisp proved her undoing. It was caused by a sapphire ring placed under a poorly fitted denture.

Unconscious gestures, as well as ill-fitting clothes and dentures, have provided the tip-offs to other smugglers. Take the case of the immaculately dressed male tourist who attracted another inspector's attention because every now and then he would unobtrusively hitch up his trousers. Why, wondered the inspector, would such an elegantly dressed chap wear suspenders that seemed too loose? His question was answered with the discovery of a pound of narcotics in a money belt around the man's waist.

A Boston customs inspector became suspicious of a young man arriving from France with a casket containing the body of his sister. He remembered that a few months before the same youth had brought home the body of a brother. The "sister's" casket was opened and the body inside was found wrapped in hundreds of yards of non-duty-free lace trimmed with $40,000 worth of jewelry. An investigation disclosed that the smuggling racket had been going on for four years with the "brother" buying bodies from a potter's field in Paris, forging identification papers, and having them shipped home in his care by an unsuspecting undertaker.

One of the shrewdest of all smuggling rackets was uncovered through the "sixth sense" of a New York customs inspector. He became suspicious of an import-export merchant who spent most of his time crossing the Atlantic by ship. Perfectly normal for a man in that line of business. What started the inspector wondering was why no one ever greeted him when he arrived though he always had a small going-away party attended by two business associates. Why did they only show up when he was leaving, the inspector asked himself, and not when he returned—presumably with news of what he had accomplished on his trip?

A search of his stateroom supplied the answer—$100,000 worth of uncut diamonds concealed in a hole in the bathroom wall. That night, when the two business associates were leaving the ship after another going-away

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IRAN: Arena Of World Struggle

By Ernest Cuneo

As it has been for the past 40 centuries, the high plateau of Iran is once again the vast arena in which the drama of a tremendous struggle for world power is rapidly reaching climax. It is all but impossible to understand the portent of the current confrontation of the Free World and the Russian Communist Empire without a brief outline of Iran's unique geography, its dramatic history as a crossroads and it's role as a confrontation cockpit for the conquerors of West and East.

Its importance in the 20th century exceeds even that of the previous millennia, for who controls Iran controls the Persian Gulf, and who controls the Persian Gulf controls the largest oil fields in the world—oil upon which the industrial nations of the Free World are utterly dependent.

The mighty peaks surrounding the high plateau made Iran the womb of the great Persian Empire. From their protected eyrie, Cyrus the Great, Darius the Great, Xerxes and Artaxerxes swooped down the Persian Gulf, then on up the Tigris-Euphrates Valley to the Mediterranean, then on down through Palestine to conquer Egypt, thence northwest to advance on Greece. Their vast armies were stopped by a pitifully small group of freemen at Marathon. It was the turn of the Western conquerors to march east. Down from Macedonia came Alexander the Great to plunge south to Egypt, then back along the Fertile Crescent, down the Tigris-Euphrates to carry the peaks and conquer Persia.

Alexander the Great opened the road of the conquerors east across the high plateau of Persia where invaders from the north and west could plunge down through the narrow funnel of the fateful Khyber Pass into India. And down they came—the Mongols, Tamerlane, Huns and, eventually, the British—down from the east on India, as Cyrus the Great had come down on the Tigris-Euphrates from the east.

To protect India, the Star of the Empire, the British posted their crack line regiments along the Persian

peaks. These Northern Tier mountains not only guarded the western approaches to the Khyber Pass, but acted as the land fortress protecting the British lifeline which ran by sea, particularly the narrow seas—the straits of Gibraltar, Malta, Suez, Bab el Mandeb and Aden. The mountains of Iran were the land fortresses guarding the British lifeline, running far south to the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea.

It was the warm water ports of the Persian Gulf that the ice-bound Czars longed to acquire, but the southward path was always blocked by the British Lion lashing its tail.

Now, once again as in the past 4,000 years, Iran is the arena where world powers battle to the death. For more than a century, the British Lion had furiously clawed the Russian Bear in "The Great Game," the undeclared border war of their intelligence services. Then the British Lion suddenly died of wounds it received in the two World Wars. The Russian Bear, though savagely torn by Hitler's armies, moved to take over Iran. There, to the amazement of both, the Russian Bear found the angry-eyed American Eagle with war feathers up and talons bared taking the place of the British Lion in protecting Iran, thus blocking the Bear from taking over the Persian Gulf ports.

When Russia was attacked by Hitler, Iran became the backdoor through which American war materiel poured into Russia. By treaty with the Shah, Iran was occupied, with British and Russian troops guarding the Trans-Siberian Railway. At the insistence of the U.S., both the Lion and the Bear agreed to withdraw their occupying armies six months after the war ended. The British pulled out their army, but Stalin refused to move his forces, believing he had been given a free hand at Yalta by F.D.R. But the Russian Bear encountered the American Eagle in the form of President Harry S. Truman. Truman told Stalin to get out or get blown out. The American president ordered the super battleship USS *Missouri* to Istanbul. Reluctantly and growling, the Russian Bear went back over the mountains—but never ceased peeking over their rim.

In 1952, the Iranians nationalized the Anglo-Iranian Oil company. Hence, American oil companies became full partners in the marketing of Iranian oil. The Shah built up a large army to hold the northern mountains, but in 1978, the Shah's government was overthrown by the Islamic fundamentalists. The American Eagle, which had inherited the assets of the British Empire in Iran, was now itself ousted, inheriting simultaneously, as it lost its assets, the previous liability of the British Lion, i.e., the fanatical hatred of the Islamic fundamentalists.

Below the 636,000 square miles of Iran—making it about the same size as the mountain states of the United States—lies the 88,000 square miles of the Persian Gulf. Its deep blue water couldn't be more valuable were it a sea of pure sapphires, because from the flat, torrid sands, hotter than those of Death Valley, comes more oil than from the oil wells of Russia and the United States combined. Great as is the value of this liquid gold, it cannot be measured in money—because the Persian Gulf oil is the energy supply upon which the industries of Western Europe and Japan depend for their very existence.

As Iran is the battleground of empires, oil has made the Persian Gulf the cockpit of world struggle. Into it from the northeast pours the Tigris-Euphrates valley, broad highway to the Mediterranean, to join the coastal plain through the Holy Land on down to Egypt. Where now stand the nations of Iraq and Syria, there flourished the fabulous cities of Bagdad, Babylon, Nineveh and Damascus. But the oil of this valley—Mesopotamia

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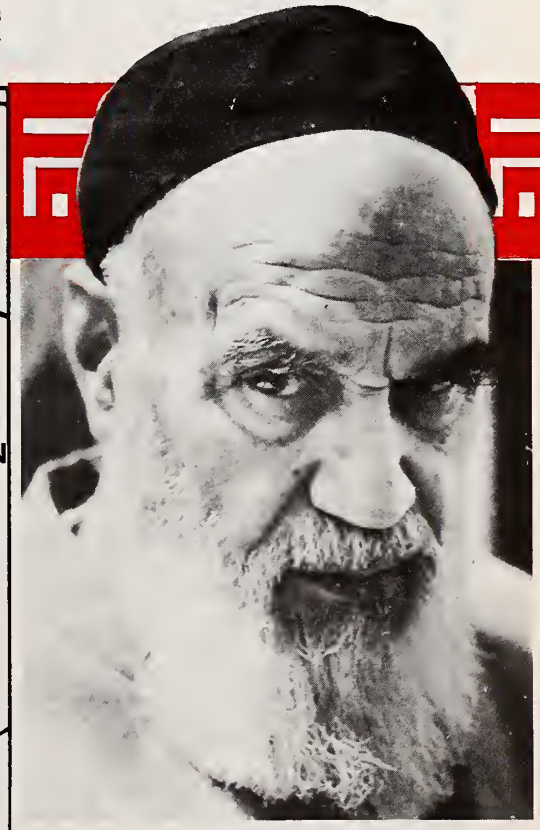

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Actually, the Kremlin hasn't the slightest intention of closing the strait. What the Russian Bear wants, however, is its claws around it, so that it can use the oil as a means of forcing industrial Western Europe and Japan into the economic orbit of the Communist empire of the Kremlin. The primary objective of the Communist empire is to capture nations, to enslave them—not to destroy them. In the Persian Gulf oil fields, the Kremlin sees the means of capturing the industrial Free World. Moreover, with a technique that it has perfected in the capture of 11 other nations, the Russian Bear is well on the way to obtaining a stranglehold on the Persian Gulf—by reason of the fact that it already has its huge paws, i.e., two armies (in all, 33 divisions), on the eastern and northern borders of Iran. Moreover, the British Lion's ancient Gibraltar of the East, Aden and Socotra, controlling the junctions of the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, are now naval bases of the Red navy. Ethiopia and the Strait of Bab el Mandeb control the south as the Strait of Hormuz controls the north. These southern sea bastions are now under Soviet control. Thus, with incredible daring, in addition to crouching on Iran's land borders, the Russian navy has actually taken control of the British lifeline east of Suez. Today a wide ring of distant Kremlin seapower surrounds the Persian Gulf oil fields—except the Strait of Hormuz. Upon it

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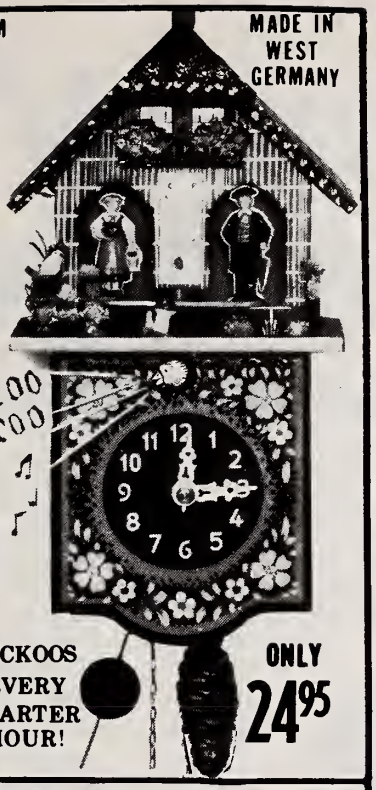

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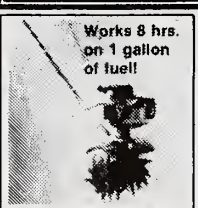

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the Kremlin is advancing, not by armies and navies, but by threat of the use of them in support of its huge fifth column inside Iran, the Tudeh Party. The Tudeh Party, the best organized within Iran, is working closely with the Islamic Fundamentalists of Ayatolah Khomeini. Whether or not the Kremlin will order its Tudeh Party to take over at Khomeini's death—he is 82—remains to be seen. It would be a most momentus decision, for it is axiomatic that whoever controls Iran controls the Persian Gulf; whoever controls the Persian Gulf controls the oil fields of both the gulf and of the Tigris-Euphrates; whoever controls them, controls the industrial life of Western Europe and Japan; and as go they, so goes the United States.

The Russian Method of Undeclared War

What will the Kremlin do next? The key lies in what it has done in the past —with great success. To begin with, Lenin taught that respect for the classical sovereign rights of nations is nonsense. This means that Kremlin interference in the internal affairs of another nation is standard operational procedure. Its Trojan Horses, i.e., its fifth columns both underground and as legal Communist parties, are the assault brigades of the Kremlin's undeclared war against the Free World. Lenin also is quoted as declaring that nothing is more useful to the Communists than a useful idiot, i.e., a leader of a foreign nation who has been duped into believing that communism is the savior of the common man.

The foreign fifth column, which is under direct control of the KGB, ceaselessly foments disorder and chaos in the targeted country with infiltration of labor unions and the free press as prime objectives until it has strength enough to effect a coalition government. Once in, it aims for control of the police and communications.

This done, the Red army masses on the borders of the targeted nation and *the threat of its force* is used by the fifth column to take over completely. This was the method used to capture many nations, for example, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland. Today, it is mounted and ready to take over the Iranian government.

There is a pattern to this. Since it is the key to what will most probably be attempted next in Iran, it merits close attention. This is the method once used by the Nazi German Intelligence and it is now called the M.O., the Method of Operation. It was first suggested by Scotland Yard in 1913, but amplified by the Berlin police in 1920, from whence this police technique was passed on to the military. First among the American military analysts was Capt. Lowell Limpus, a West Pointer, an editor of the Infantry Journal, and an editor of the N.Y. Daily News, who was this writer's mentor for 10 years before the war.

The *modus operandi* requires excruciating attention to detail throughout every nuance of the operation. Thereafter, its proponents insist, it is more valuable than fingerprints, for the fingerprints tell only where the criminal has been, while the *modus operandi* tells, almost infallibly, what he will do next.

Thus, how the Kremlin acted in World War II, according to its M.O., is what it is liable to do next in Iran. Point by point, this is the analogy between the crisis of 1939 and the Iranian crisis.

Point one: At nearly any cost, the Kremlin will avoid plunging Russia into a war with a major power, much less a world war. Thus, it refused to sign the Hitler-Stalin Pact without assurance that, first, Hitler would not attack Russia, and that, second, he would attack the West. Thus, the Kremlin helped jockey Hitler into a world war. Following this pattern, it jockeyed the United States into two major conflicts since World War II—the Korean and Vietnamese Wars, which cost the U.S. more casualties than World War I, required three times the armies and cost infinitely more. Thus, the Kremlin plans to take over Iran *without war.*

Point two: The Kremlin takes half the victor's spoils, which it gets as the price of its neutrality. From Hitler, Stalin got half of Poland, the right to take Lithuania in the north, and Bessarabia in the south. All of this was duly delivered. (The Kremlin has already offered a coalition on the Strait of Hormuz!)

But: be it noted and underlined that with Hitler at war and helpless to stop it, the Kremlin took *not only* Bessarabia, *but also* Bucovina, formerly an Austrian province in the south. Moreover, it took not only Lithuania, but also Latvia and Estonia in the north. Hitler noticed not only the violation of

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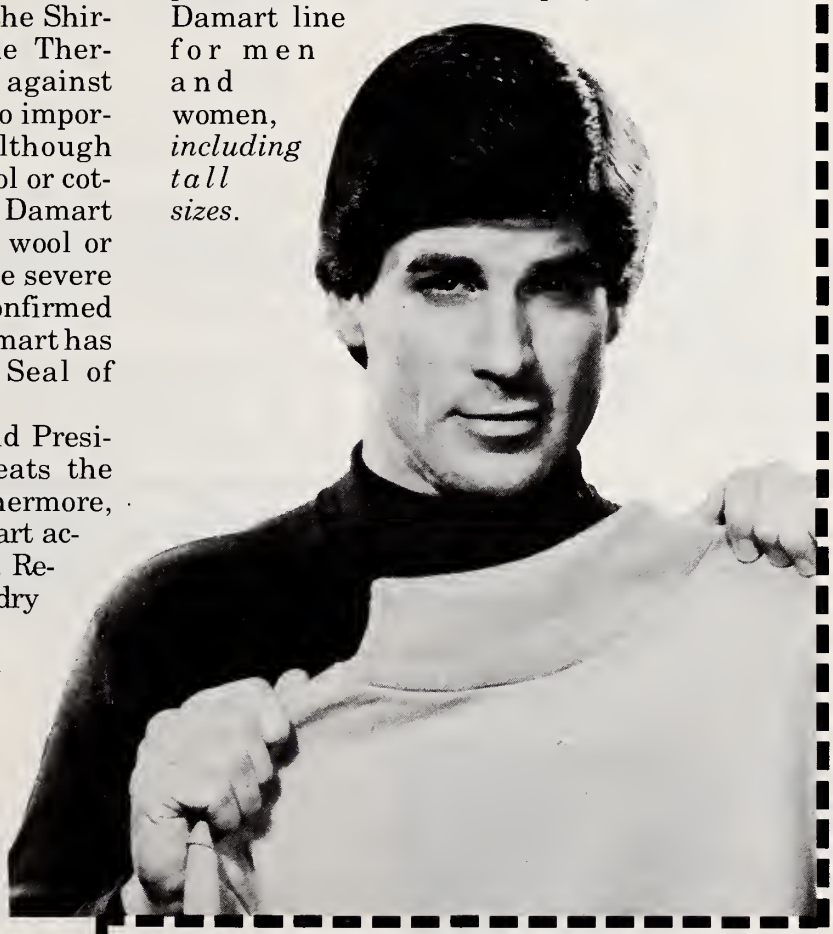

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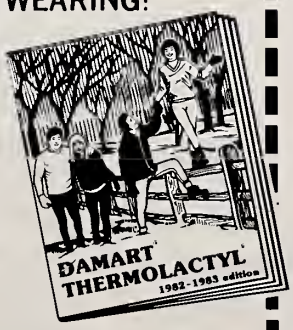

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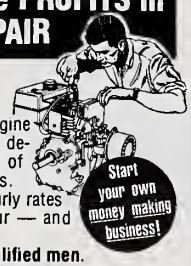

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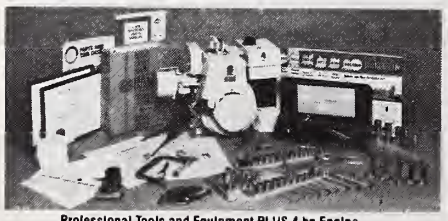

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Point three: First, the Kremlin got rich lands, thoroughly able to more than pay for their Communist occupation. The farmland of Bessarabia and Bucovina match, in fertility, those of Iowa and Illinois; the productivity of the ancient Baltic States is very roughly analogous to that of New England.

These are valuable economic acquisitions. But much more importantly, with Bessarabia, the Kremlin acquired control of the mouth of the Danube, as important to the states of Middle Europe—Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania—as control of the mouth of the Nile is to Egypt. Moreover, using Lithuania as the springboard, control of Latvia and Estonia gave the Kremlin control of the Gulf of Riga and the Gulf of Finland. Finland was thus surrounded by sea and, with the Russian armies on its border, was in the incipient clutch of the Russian Bear—precisely as is Iran today. But the Finns offered heroic resistance.

In 1944, Finland lost all defenses on the Russian borders. In addition, Finland was forced to yield territory in the north, giving the Kremlin a land border with Norway—which border remains heavily garrisoned by the Russian armies thoroughly capable of land aggression against this Atlantic nation. In 1940, perceiving this double-cross, Hitler decided to double-double-cross the Kremlin, which he did by sudden attack in June of 1941.

Point four: As soon as it achieved Baltic land bases, the Kremlin moved by sea. It built a huge Baltic battle fleet to take full control of the Baltic Sea, thus corking the outlet to the North Sea. It simultaneously built a vast Black Sea fleet, thereby corking not only its Danube inlet, but the Black Bear outlet into the Dardenelles.

The Kremlin then had the daring to use its fifth column, headed by Castro, to take over Cuba. Cuba, in fine Kremlin fashion, was then used as the base from which to take over Nicaragua. Moreover, when Sadat ordered the Kremlin out of Egypt, with almost foolhardy brilliance the Kremlin used Cuban troops to help take over Angola and Ethiopia with the assistance, of course, of the Kremlin's fifth columns already active there. Once again, the Kremlin banked on non-resistance by the West—and won.

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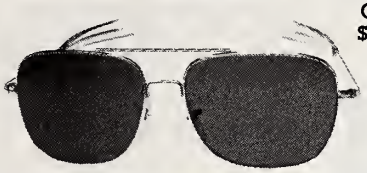

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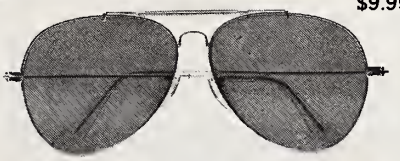

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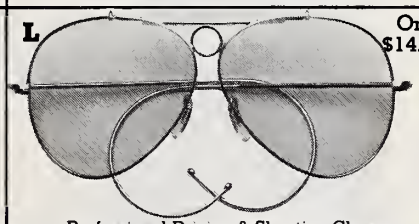

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It is perfectly clear, from the standpoint of analysis, therefore, that the Kremlin's attack on Iran is in an advanced state. It has an excellent fifth column in Iran, the most organized and disciplined political force in that targeted country, particularly on the northern border and in Teheran itself. It has 21 divisions on Iran's northern border, with 66 in reserve. It has 10 divisions in Afghanistan and the KGB is actively engaged in training guerrilla bands in Baluchistan, Iran's province on the Strait of Hormuz.

The strongest military force in the area, it has compromised the supertanker sea lanes in the Indian Ocean and Red Sea. This is a powerful force for economic and diplomatic blackmail.

Its violent attack is under way inside of Iran. It has fanned the flames of a *jehad,* a Holy War, against the United States: 150,000 Mullahs in 50,000 villages ceaselessly exhort the frenzied Iranians to war against the United States as against Satan.

What this means is that the border wars of the past century—"The Great Game"—have been revived and embellished into a full-scale intelligence war of the 20th century, a war in which anything goes. The principal means of the British and Russian intelligence services in "The Great Game" was the use of surrogates, i.e., the fierce mountain tribes. There is nothing new in this pattern. The French used the Hurons against the British in North America and the British used the Iroquois against both French and Americans, indeed, maintaining a British Resident with them until 1818. The Spanish used the Apaches against the French in Louisiana; the French retaliated with the less civilized Commanches—who won.

But the savagery of the intelligence wars in "The Great Game" far exceeded the Indian wars in the United States. This was because the religious fanaticism of the mountain tribes was inflamed to get them to go to war. As early as 1920, the Communists were urging their southern Islamic neighbors to wage *jehads* against the West. The Kremlin has brought it to a fine art since. Two *jehads,* Communist fueled, are raging against the United States in Iran and against Israel throughout the extremely Moslem nations.

Since the United States and the Free World are confronted in this crucial area, it is prudent to consider the savagery with which the *undeclared war is fought.* Its basic tenet is perhaps the most cynical in the history of warfare: "There is a perfect crime—get another man to commit it, preferably in the name of his God!"

One glance at the headlines indicates how effectively the KGB has applied the technology of the 20th century to the perfection of its Islamic operations. The savagery of these wars was described by Kipling in his "Advice to a Young British Soldier": "When you're wounded an' dyin' on Afghanistans plains, an' the women come out to cut up what remains, just roll to your rifle an' blow out your brains, an' go to your death like a soldier!"

Thus, while it is important for the United States to create a Rapid Deployment Force for conventional war in the area, it is even more important to note that the Kremlin already has secret forces in action, that the Kremlin through the KGB is waging secret war in Iran and throughout the Persian Gulf area, that the Arabian Peninsula and Iran are surrounded by the Russian armed forces to such an extent that, as they did in Middle Europe and in the Baltic and Black Sea, they expect to win *without fighting!*

Perhaps the instructions to the wives of the U.S. marshals in the days of America's old frontier have application today. "Madam," she was told, "it may be that in line of duty your husband will be forced to draw his gun. This will cause you great anguish and you will go to great lengths to prevent him from getting into a mortal gun duel. But whatever you do, don't *hang on his gun arm* because you'll be a widow if you do."

The Central Intelligence Agency is America's U.S. marshal in the wild frontier that is the world of today. There are too many citizens, well meaning and otherwise, who are "hanging on America's gun arm." Thus, to their attention is commended once again the warning of Gen. William J. Donovan of the Office of Strategic Services: "Americans, a strong intelligence service is your first line of defense; it may also be your last."

In short, while the Soviet Union is consciously diverting the world's attention to such areas as the Mideast, Central America, Cuba, Africa and Argentina, let us not forget that the Russian Bear is cunningly stalking a honeypot called Iran. ✪

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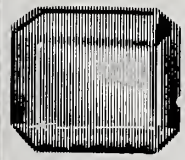

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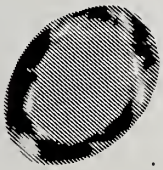

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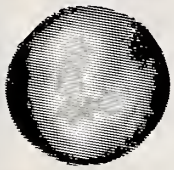

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Above, a capacity audience fills the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel for the opening session of the 64th National Convention of The American Legion. Below, Legionnaires were greeted with a spectacular fireworks display along Chicago's waterfront as more than one million Chicagoan's filled Grant Park for the annual "Venetian Nights" celebration.

Trying to summarize the sprawling 64th National Convention of The American Legion with a single descriptive phrase is like eating soup with a fork: you can capture some of the flavor, but none of the substance.

One comment about the convention, which was held August 24-26 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, seemed most prevalent: "Smooth ...this is, without doubt, the smoothest running convention I've seen of the 27 I've attended," said an Ohio delegate waiting for a taxi on Michigan Avenue.

Though quick to acknowledge kudos due the host Department of Illinois and their convention corporation for coordinating the activities of more than 15,000 conventioneers, many

A Windy City Salute

Jack Flynt performs his last official act as National Commander: pinning the badge of office on his successor, Al Keller, Jr., of Kankakee, Ill.

bluecappers thought the ceremonies marking the Legion's $1 million donation to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund was the convention's most memorable moment. The tearful thanks of a widow who lost her husband in Vietnam and a filmed tribute to American fighting men and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial convincingly underscored the Legion's rightness in supporting the memorial.

Others, particularly those attending their first National Convention, were most impressed by the intensity of the marathon sessions of convention committees and standing commissions—the forums through which much of the work gets done.

No matter what the highlight was—and with so much to choose from, it could have been any one of dozens of events—nearly everyone agreed that Vice Pres. George Bush's strongly worded speech to the delegates during the convention's closing hours would not soon be forgotten. Bush blasted the Soviet's efforts "to promote the nuclear freeze movement in Europe" while at the same time "they have continued a relentless buildup of both strategic and conventional forces."

One other moment that will live in the memories of the 2965 delegates to the convention—and especially those from Illinois—was that moment when Al Keller, Jr., was elected to the Legion's highest office. "Why the election of our own Al Keller of Kankakee as our new National Commander is the single most cherished memory we'll take home, sir," said one Prairie State delegate who felt he spoke for the entire Illinois contingent. (See page 16 for a profile of Cdr. Keller and highlights of his acceptance speech.)

Also elected by the delegates were the following National Vice Commanders: Jack C. Plato (Ore.), Margaret M. Malone (N.J.), H. Melvin Napier (Ind.), Lee O. Walker (Okla.) and Robert C. Gabrielson (S.D.). Newly appointed national officers include: Rev. John D. Kempf (Ohio),

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On The Floor: Important Issue

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National Chaplain; James W. Conway (Mass.), National Historian; and Gary L. Walling (Ill.), National Sergeant-at-Arms. The following national officers were reappointed: National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle (Mich.), National Judge Advocate Bertram G. Davis (N.Y.) and National Treasurer Webber LaGrange (Ind.).

But we're getting ahead of our story, for the Friday preceding the convention—when Legionnaires began arriving en masse—was marked by a number of events that told Chicagoans The American Legion had arrived. During a pre-convention press conference, Natl. Cdr. Flynt told journalists that the Legion was concerned about the Reagan administration's announced plans to no longer carry out a long-term policy of arms sales to Taiwan. Further, Flynt said that "The American Legion is not opposed to a nuclear arms freeze. We remain on record supporting a freeze, but only under these conditions: the agreement is verifiable; it does not hamper NATO's ability to counter Soviet SS-20 missiles aimed at the heart of western Europe, and that the freeze and subsequent reductions do not place the United States at a disadvantage.

"We firmly believe that deterrence has worked," he added. "Europe has been free from war for 37 years and our position is that it has been so only because of the credible deterrence capability U.S. and NATO forces present."

Friday, too, saw 110 members of the National Security Commission getting a headstart on business. The members toured Naval Air Station, Glenview, Ill., where they received a look at the Navy's air power and attended briefings on the Navy's role in national security. Then they traveled to Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., where they were guests at

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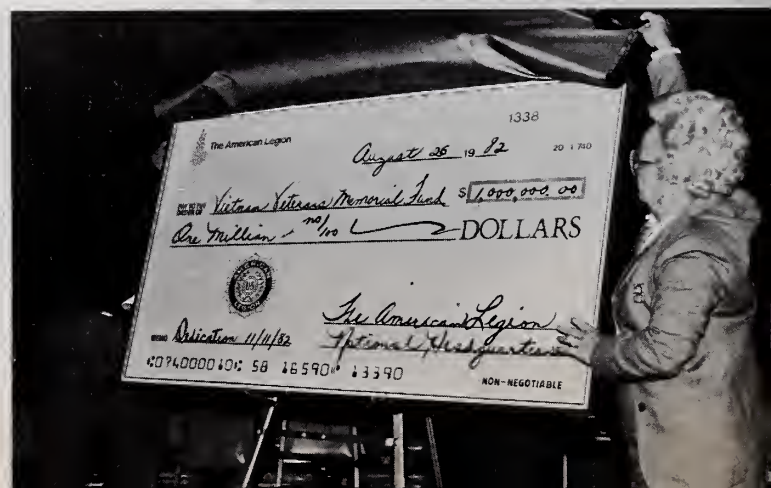
Vice President George Bush acknowledges the delegates' applause during his speech on the final day of the convention. At right, Past National President of The American Legion Auxiliary, Dora Seymour, unveils the oversize check representing the Legion's $1 million contribution to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.



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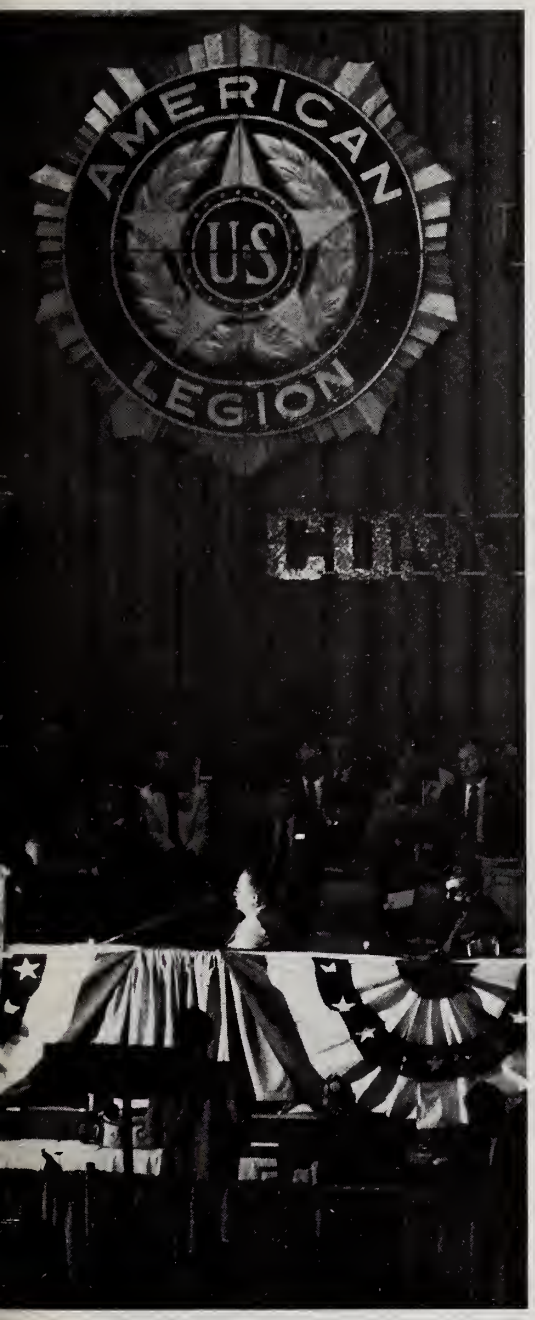


Above, Columbia 4 Space Shuttle pilot Henry W. Hartsfield, Jr., addresses the convention. Clockwise from top right, others who appeared before this year's convention include Commissioner of Baseball Bowie Kuhn; Illinois Governor James R. Thompson; Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne; Sen. John Warner, R-Va., (shown with VVMF President Jan C. Scruggs and Virginia Legionnaire Charles A. Wilson) and C.I.A. Director William Casey.

Marching Down Michigan!

Legionnaires, You've Done It AGAIN!

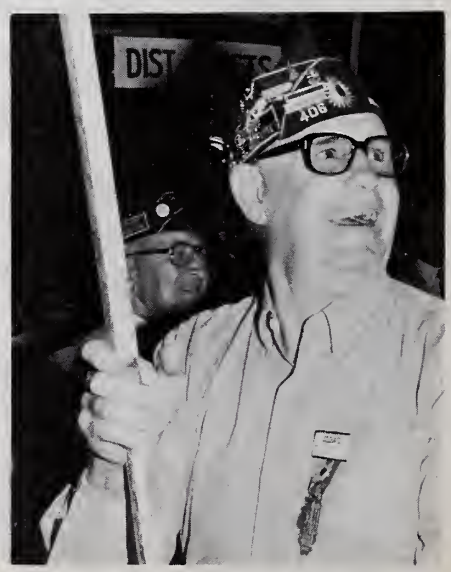
Salutes—from sailors and Legionnaires alike—marked the passing of each American flag during the 4½ hour parade.

This young man may be too young to be a veteran, but that sure doesn't stop him from enjoying a veterans' parade.

Above, the National Convention parade steps out along Michigan Ave., for the seventh time since 1933. More than 8,000 Legionnaires, color guards, marching units and floats combined to furnish an estimated 80,000 viewers with a colorful Sunday afternoon spectacle. At right, Wyoming's avenue of flags required a minimum of flag bearers.

Above, a member of the Indianapolis Police Department Motorcycle Drill Team performs. At right, Nebraska banner carriers check their alignment. Below, the Minnesota contingent featured this massing of American flags.

Above, members of the Keller family acknowledge the delegates' applause At left, one of the National Commander's grandsons demonstrates he knows victory when he sees it. Below left, Cdr. Keller is shown with his Vice Cdrs., from left, Jack C. Plato (Ore.), Margaret M. Malone (N.J.), H. Melvin Napier (Ind.), Lee O. Walker (Okla.) and Robert C. Gabrielson (S.D.). Below right, Kansas delegate Harold Witham joins in the floor festivities following the Natl. Cdr.'s election.



Resolutions 1982-1983

The following are synopses of resolutions approved during the 64th annual American Legion Convention in Chicago, Ill.

Americanism

456. Urges that The American Legion take the lead in restoring the honor due to George Washington.
457. Supports the Senate Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism and asks that it expose terrorism and threats to the security of the U.S., and spearhead enactment of enforcible legislation that will impose severe penalties on those who engage in terrorist activities.
198. Reiterates Legion support of U.S. law enforcement agencies and courts in their efforts to end terrorism, and asks that funds needed by federal agencies to eradicate terrorism not be cut despite severe economic conditions.
1. Deals with U.S. intelligence agencies and the matter of disclosure; recommends the rebuilding, reconstitution and/or creation of one or more intelligence and counterintelligence agencies answerable only to the Executive Branch; recognizes the need to educate students in this area through an Americanism Program in school systems.
5. Asks that the Immigration and Nationality Act be amended to classify as "Special Immigrants" Filipino alien veterans who served honorably in the U.S. armed forces, including their spouses and children.
124. Urges display of American flag by high school and college marching bands during outdoor performances.
166. Encourages all Legionnaires to fly the American flag daily.
187. Suggests that Congress commend those immigration officers who strictly enforce current immigration laws whereas by doing so they improve employment opportunities for American citizens.
427. Urges all Legionnaires to encourage their families and friends to vote in state and national elections.
23. Petitions Congress to restore observance of Memorial Day to May 30th.
186. Seeks legislation to prohibit employment of illegal aliens; asks for sufficient funding of Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization; seeks elimination of eligibility of illegal aliens to receive public assistance funds; urges that Congress not change procedures for granting citizenship to aliens; asks for workable identification system; calls for cooperation between agencies dealing with illegal alien issue; supports temporary worker program which would be tightly administered by the government.
251. Petitions Congress to restore U.S. House Internal Security Committee.
11. Recommends revision of U.S. Flag Code, Section 7, PL344, 94th Congress, to remove "remain silent" from last sentence, and restore text recommended in Resolution 87 (1972 National Convention).
330. Deals with school prayer and asks that Congress correct problems created by court rulings which prohibit prescribed or compulsory prayer; urges that Congress reiterate the value of voluntary prayer in public schools and at public gatherings; asks that Congress pass legislation to promote the concept of school prayer.
526. Reaffirmation of support of CIA and FBI.
527. Calls upon Congress to take necessary action to deny Communists the ability to impinge upon internal security of the United States.
528. Urges Congress to enact legislation making George Washington's birthday a national holiday on February 22 of each year; restore observance of Memorial Day to May 30, and Columbus Day to October 12.

Children and Youth

506. Calls for school boards and state educational agencies to develop a balanced program to reduce violence and vandalism in schools; urges Posts to assist in efforts to reduce development of patterns of delinquency in schools.
507. Urges Congress and various state legislatures to appropriate sufficient funds for school nutrition programs.
508. Petitions Congress to adopt legislation to benefit and augment existing knowledge of Reye's Syndrome and asks for legislation effecting mandatory reporting of such cases within each state.
509. Concerns adoptive children with special needs and encourages Congress and OMB to continue its fiscal support of Public Law 96-272.
510. Proposes that Congress establish "National Family Week" during Thanksgiving holiday week as an annual observance.

Above at right, Mrs. June Stolte of Chesterfield, Mo., was elected National President of the Auxiliary during their 62nd National Convention. Shown with her is the Vice President for the coming year, Mrs. Anna Gear of Hampton, Va. At left, Auxiliary delegates pledge allegiance to the flag during opening ceremonies.

511. Urges that existing laws dealing with child pornography be strengthened.
512. Endorses Comprehensive Health Care for Children and Youth.
513. Reaffirms Legion position urging federal and state governments to enact necessary legislation to financially assist families undergoing catastrophic illness of one of their children.
514. Strongly opposes any attempts to weaken current laws governing penalties for the production, sale and distribution of pornographic or obscene materials.
515. Reaffirms Legion support for the fullest use of any licensed vaccine to combat communicable diseases, and calls for immunization programs so that children in every community may achieve fullest protection against communicable disease regardless of their ability to pay for such immunizations.

Internal Affairs

66. Recommends that "American Legion Extension Institute" be offered to visually impaired and physically handicapped veterans on flexible discs.
156. States that in the absence of the National Commander, not less than a National Vice Commander of The American Legion shall be designated to place the Legion wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day each year.
529. Expresses appreciation to the Department of Illinois, city officials of Chicago, 1982 Convention Corporation of Illinois and others for success of Chicago Convention.

Economics

257. Calls for full funding for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment.
461. Urges Congress to provide adequate funding and accounting of funding for the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program.
85. Asks that the U.S. Department of Labor place the Office of Veterans' Reemployment Rights under the authority of the Office of Assistant Secretary For Veterans Employment.
51. Supports legislation to amend 38 USC 2003A that requires that three-fourths of all staff under DVOP be placed in local state employment security agency offices in favor of legislation giving the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment the authority to place DVOP staff where they can be best utilized.
495. Opposes any change in residency requirement for State and Assistant State Directors of Veterans Employment.
20. Seeks appropriations for separate Veterans Employment/Training Program to be administered by the Office of Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment.
105. Urges full enforcement of requirements for affirmative action for eligible veterans by federal contractors.
435. Opposes any reduction of the floor and preference level indicators for veteran services by the states that would adversely affect veterans.
389. Is against any changes in the Wagner-Peyser Act that would have an adverse effect on veterans.
261. Requests that Congress and the Department of Labor support an increase of positions in State Employment Services to a number commensurate with the increase in the labor force.
25. Asks that the Office of Assistant Secretary for Veterans Employment aggressively address veteran employment/training matters.
383. Seeks legislation to amend Section 6521 of Title 5, USC, so as to allow ex-service people to collect unemployment compensation while searching for civilian employment.
368. Petitions Congress to designate the second full week in March as "National Employ The Older Worker Week."
67. Reiterates support for the "Jobs For Veterans" program.
241. Strongly supports veterans preference in federal employment.
419. Opposes contracting out federal jobs reserved by law for veterans.
305. Urges the Office of Personnel Management to fully support and promote the use of the special hiring program for Vietnam era veterans, VRA, by all federal agencies.
376. Urges that the Office of Personnel Management fully support and promote the use of the special hiring authority for veterans with 30 percent disability.
245. Asks for correction of "Catch-62" by granting full credit for military service in federal retirement.

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Newly elected SAL Cdr. Christopher R. Cerrullo (N.Y.), in the light jacket, is shown with his Vice Cdrs., from left, Thomas Timcoe (Mass.), David Bourland (Canal Zone), Charles Yunker (Kan.), Dennis Stockfisch (Wis.) and John Martin (Alaska).

Above, members of the Blue Knights Jr. Drill Team demonstrate their award-winning form. Below, entertainment at the Natl. Cdr.'s Dinner for Distinguished Guests included the U.S. Army Chorus. Also appearing were Jerry Murad's "Harmonicats."

This year's Patriotic Religious Service was held in the Grand Ballroom of the headquarter's hotel.

Windy City

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the weekly recruit graduation ceremonies and had the pleasure of eating the noon meal with Navy boots.

Saturday saw the beginning of working sessions conducted throughout the weekend in the headquarters hotel. Among those groups gathering were members of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission who heard from Deputy VA Administrator Everett Alvarez, Jr. He told the commission (on the day following his Senate confirmation) that the biggest contribution he can make is to streamline the mammoth bureaucracy of the VA through the institution of effective management. He also praised the Legion for its ongoing counsel and advice, noting that "no one in the VA has all the answers to all the questions. Every one of us needs all the help we can get."

The National Economic Commission welcomed one of their own during their sessions. William C. Plowden, Jr., past Commander of the Department of South Carolina and a charter member of Black River Post 149 in

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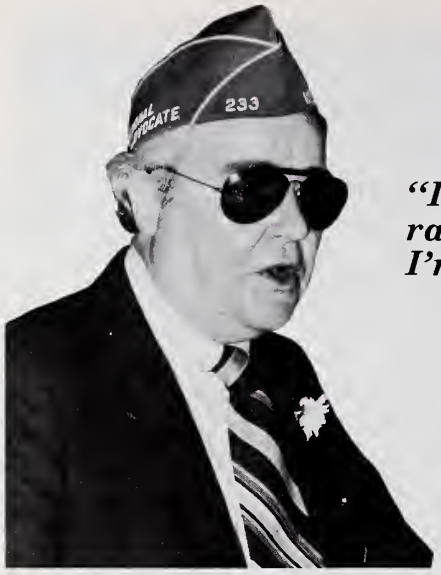
Above, Chicago Bears founder George Halas is presented the Past Commanders Club's "Good Guy" award by, from left, William Plowden (S.C.), Past Dept. Cdr. and currently Asst. Sec. of Labor for Veterans Employment; Hal Heinly (Calif.), and Past Natl. Cdr. John Geiger. Below, it was Legion Day at Wrigley Field and Legionnaires turned out in droves to watch the Cubs. Below right, Boys Nation President Joseph Wiegand throws out the first ball as Oratory Contest winner William Kephart (left) and Boy Scout of the Year Tim LaQuerre look on.



"I would rather not, but I'm going to try."

"Can you see through those dark glasses?"

Friendly convention floor banter with a serious purpose has become a tradition between Natl. Judge Adv. Bertram G. Davis (N.Y.) (left) and Past Natl. Cdr. Daniel Foley (Minn.) as they try to ensure delegates understand complicated parliamentary considerations placed before the convention

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New Zion, S.C., appeared before the commission in his current role as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment. Plowden, the first person to hold the assistant secretaryship created by the 1980 Veterans Education and Employment Modernization Program, praised Legionnaires for their persistence in seeing the position created, and he predicted a continuing fight for veterans' preference on Capital Hill. He emphasized that veterans' preference can only become a permanent reality with the Legion's help. "The American Legion," he said, "is the one organization that can do more for America than any other organization I know of."

Members of the National Legislative Commission heard Ed Scott, Minority Counsel of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, who highlighted that body's actions on behalf of veterans in Congress this year and provided a detailed update on veterans measures still pending.

In a joint pre-convention briefing program, members of the National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions heard from Robert T. Grey, Deputy Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, U.S. Department of State. Grey told the gathering that the goal of the Reagan administration's arms control policy in all its dealings with world powers is the same: "We want substantial, militarily significant force reductions. We want equal ceilings for similar types of forces. And we want effective provisions for verification. We want, quite simply, to establish the conditions necessary for international stability."

Also appearing before the joint session was Richard Allen, former Reagan assistant for National Security Affairs, who described how the U.S. has gone from being militarily superior to militarily inferior to the Soviets in two decades, and what is being done to reverse that trend.

In an afternoon session of the National Security Commission, Maj. Gen. John J. Koehler, USA, commanding general of the Army's Test and Evaluation Command at Aberdeen (Md.) Proving Grounds, described current trends in weapons development. Koehler noted that today's American fighting man is "using equipment in the field that is old, the result of developments of the late 1950s and early 1960s." In the meantime, "Russian equipment is new and staying new." Koehler added that since "we are unwilling to risk the lives of our soldiers on the battlefields with insufficient or substandard weapons," rapid advances in weaponry research and development are under way.

At left, Rep. Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D., chairman of the Vietnam Veterans in Congress Caucus and a member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, addresses the delegates during the convention's opening session.

Also meeting in session prior to the convention were the Americanism, Children and Youth, and Internal Affairs Commissions. G. Dan Patterson of the Infant Hearing Assessment Foundation and Palmer Stacy, Legislative Assistant to Sen. John East, N.C., addressed the Americanism meetings, while Internal Affairs members heard presentations from Juanda Kirk of the American Petroleum Institute and Jan Scruggs of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

But the weekend was not all work and no play. Ask any veteran of Legion National Conventions what happens on Sunday and chances are good he'll tell you (without even checking a program) that's the day of the

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Legion Baseball

At press time, final results of The American Legion Baseball World Series in Boyertown, Pa., were not available. The following pairings of regional winners had been announced: Game 1—Region 5 (Kokomo, Ind.) vs. Region 4 (Richmond, Ky.); Game 2—Region 8 (Grand Junction, Colo.) vs. Region 7 (Lafayette, Calif.); Game 3—Region 6 (Edina, Minn.) vs. Region 3 (Starkville, Miss.); Game 4—Region 1 (Manchester, N.H.) vs. Region 2 (Boyertown, Pa.).

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Underground

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nent people, for example, invest in oil and gas tax shelters that make them eligible for many times the amount of the investment in federal income tax deductions. Although legal, it clearly eases the conscience of a Trevor Rodgers who, when pocketing his moonlight cash, calls it *"my* little tax shelter."

Who is doing all the tax avoiding? A breakdown comes from two economists, Carl P. Simon of Michigan State University and Ann D. Witte of the University of North Carolina. Basing their estimates on a modest $380 billion in unreported income in 1981, they figure legal activities account for some two-thirds of the total:

Self-Employment—$115 billion
Wages and Salaries—$80 billion
Interest—$20 billion
Corporate Profits—$18 billion
Rents and Royalties—$15 billion
Other Legal—$7 billion

It's much more difficult to get a handle on illegal activities, for most obvious reasons. No one knows how many women are engaged in prostitution, but Simon and White make a guess of some 300,000 to 500,000, together earning roughly $15 billion. Marijuana, for example, is by far the biggest cash crop in California, yet revenues from its sale go untaxed. According to the two economists, following is the breakdown on illegal activities:

Drugs—$45 billion
Stolen Goods—$20 billion
Bribery—$15 billion
Prostitution—$15 billion
Fraud—$6 billion
Pornography—$6 billion
Gambling & Loan Sharking—$4 billion
Other Illegal—$10 billion

IRS Commissioner Egger calls all this underground activity a "real-life Rubik's Cube," complex and intertwined. Tightening enforcement is a formidable task, since the "informal suppliers" who provide goods and services can do so while easily avoiding trails of paper that the government could trace.

Congress has in the past prohibited the IRS from issuing regulations and rulings in many areas, such as reporting requirements for independent contractors. Likewise, capital gains, says Egger, accounted for $9.1 billion or 11 percent of the tax gap in 1981. "The tax gap for unreported and under-

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Is Lower Back Pain Making You An On-Again, Off-Again Cripple?

by Eugene Griffin

Read how one man freed himself from this crippling pain.

It happened aboard a Lufthansa flight to Frankfurt, Germany where I was going for a business meeting. The plane hit an air pocket and suddenly my back "went out."

If you've ever suffered from lower back pain, you know what this can mean. In my case, the stewardess *had to lead me off the plane* when we landed. "This is the first time this has happened?" she asked. When I told her no, she said:

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I'll be sure to get one, I told her. But what I was really thinking was how could a belt that helped her—a woman about 110 pounds—help a slightly overweight guy of six feet like me? Besides, I thought, I've tried practically everything short of an operation. So I went to my hotel room, took a hot bath, several aspirin and laid down for the night hoping for the best.

Couldn't get out of bed

The next morning the pain was worse than I could ever remember. *I had to roll out of bed onto my knees and crawl to a doorknob to get to my feet.* Again, I took a hot bath and some aspirin, but again, it didn't do much good. If I had been back home, I would have called and canceled the meeting. But here I was in Germany and scheduled for a meeting with five other businessmen *I* had set up. So there was nothing I could do but go through with it.

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The pain must have been apparent the moment I walked into the room because the first man I met smiled sympathetically and said, "You look like your back is bothering you." It is, I answered. "Haven't you heard of the Prosana Belt? he asked. I nodded yes. "And you don't *have* one?" he persisted. No, I said, continuing around the room, anxious only to get the meeting over with and go back home. After the meeting, the man who asked me about the Prosana Belt suggested I join him for lunch. Since he was the key man on the deal, I accepted. But instead of driving me to the restaurant, he took me first to a surgical supply store where he bought me a Prosana Belt. I had no other choice but to put it on right there, though all I could think of after thanking him was to say, Is that it?

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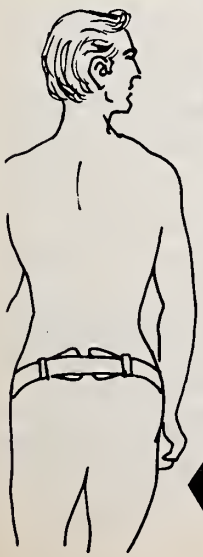

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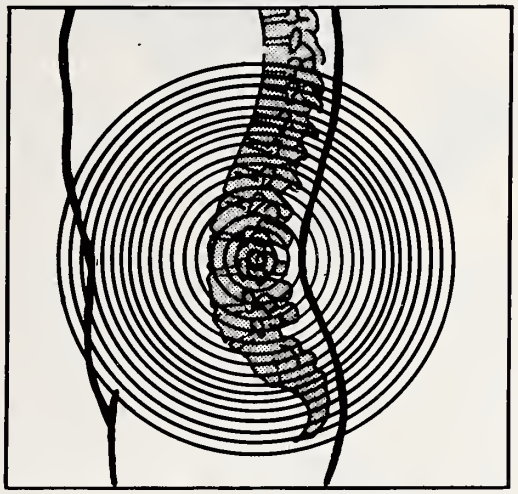

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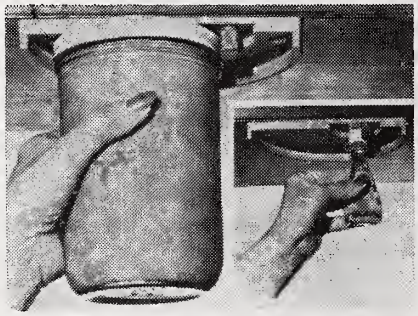

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reported dividends and interest is estimated at $8.2 billion," adds Egger. And along with tips and cash payments made to "casual" employees, he says the IRS has "an extremely difficult time trying to uncover noncompliance."

Curiously enough, this noncompliance has made a mockery of all the predictions that the United States would turn almost exclusively to credit cards and electronic, automatic-transfer banking. Cash is simply a favored means of doing business. And America's hunger for cash is a major tip-off to the size of the underground economy.

Indeed, while in 1960 there was some $29 billion of currency in circulation, that total has quadrupled. Even adjusted for inflation, it's one of the highest per capita rates of cash in the nation's history. And although many operating off-the-books spread checks around to various banks (the IRS figures a fourth to a third of the tax gap is paid by check, but is deposited into a complicated trail of paper) this appetite for the green is a sure sign of underground transactions.

Such activity can indeed raise the cost of government for people who will not, or cannot, evade taxes. "A smaller and smaller segment of society is paying the main share of taxes," explains Richard C. Carlson, a senior economist at SRI International, a noted California research firm. "And government has to keep raising rates, or allowing 'bracket creep' to cover everyone else. People who are working for large corporations take on a larger tax burden." Indeed, one study estimated that if all the tax evaders in the country coughed up their share, the honest taxpayer's bill would be reduced by 16 percent.

The underground economy also distorts government policy in a variety of ways. It masks how our economy is really performing—much better than official estimates—and creates inequities in certain entitlement programs, with benefits given to those who don't really need or qualify for them.

Productivity declines, a great worry among government planners, were not nearly as great as assumed in the 1970s. In the services sector, many participants went underground, making it appear as if Americans were not working as hard or as efficiently as in the past. Unemployment, explains Carlson, may be overstated by as much as 2 percent. "That's really not so much to affect policy when you have a given rate of 10 percent," he adds. "But say you get down to 6 percent and are really talking 4, in economic terms that means full employment. And it means we'd be doing real well." But this also means that some 2 percent of those receiving unemployment benefits are still earning a sizable income aside from the benefits, an added cost for legitimate taxpayers.

In such a climate, Federal Reserve monetary policy is operating based on undermined assumptions. The Commerce Department tries to factor in the effect of the underground economy while figuring the Gross National Product, but is forced to exclude illegal activities, for which, says one government official, "we don't have any data we could use to include."

Nevertheless, spending money makes the world go round. And whether it's on or off the books, such economics is healthy for all Americans. Says Barry Molefsky, an economist with the Congressional Research Service, "The underground economy is one of the few places where the entrepreneurial spirit still lives. People in it often fill gaps where there are shortages of goods and services."

As Milton Friedman explains, taxes *and* regulations force many workers underground. "There are whole sectors of industries, particularly small businesses, that wouldn't exist were it not for the underground economy," amplifies SRI's Carlson. "I'm not talking about criminals, but the great majority who are not engaged in dangerous activity.

"The home repair industry is a good example when you look at all the permits and forms a carpenter must fill out," continues Carlson. "Above ground, he must pay unemployment taxes, Social Security, state and local taxes and such. He has to earn $20 to keep $10, and pretty soon the consumer simply can't afford the full price for the work. Underground, he simply goes out and does it."

Carlson admits that building codes and certain permitting processes have good intentions. "But it's to the point where we've overdone and overreached." So even though the underground economy is in violation of the law, Carlson says he views it "as more of a strength than a problem."

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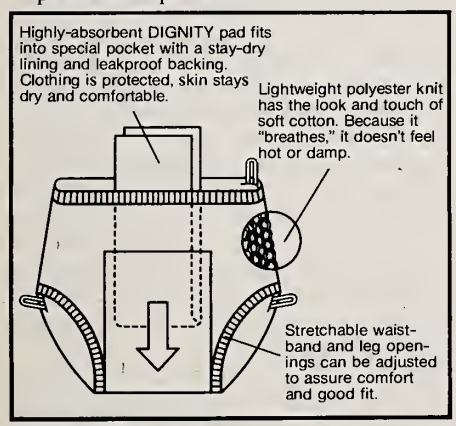

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To the IRS, though, it's a problem. A big problem. After patiently listening to all the benefits of the underground economy, IRS spokesman Leon Levine repeatedly points out, "But it's illegal." Spoilsport.

"I don't want to moralize," says Levine, "but we're talking about the rule of law in this country. We in the IRS are charged with enforcing the federal tax laws." And ferreting out cheaters, he says, should be done "at least out of fairness to those who do report all their income."

"A smaller and smaller segment of society is paying the main share of taxes."

The IRS has recently reorganized its national office, says Levine, all aimed at raising the level of compliance. "The IRS is not interested in nickel and diming people to death," he explains, "because people have honest disagreements over interpretations. But we do want to find people who willfully and knowingly fail to report earnings, dividends and interest. A hundred dollars per taxpayer may not sound like much, but multiply it by a million and the effect of the tax gap is quite apparent."

There is currently legislation pending in Congress to give the IRS increased power. "And we're getting new tools as well," says Levine. "Additional kinds of reporting information will be available and penalties will be much stiffer. People have let accounts grow delinquent because we charged such a low interest rate. They made more on the money elsewhere and, in essence, got a cheap loan from the government. Now we'll be charging 20 percent, which should be an incentive for people to pay."

The IRS will use state-of-the-art computers to match, for example, interest payments against tax returns. According to Levine, the IRS has to rely on machines which, for individual audits, are simply too expensive and time consuming. Nevertheless,

the fundamental causes and problems of the underground economy will remain.

Aside from beefing up enforcement, the only realistic means of reducing the tax gap, or attempting to bring the underground economy up to the surface, is to reduce taxes so fewer people regard the system as oppressive. "I don't think people want to cheat," says former IRS Commissioner Donald Alexander. "I think they're put into a position of having to do it to protect their standard of living."

"We have long prided ourselves, and with justice, on the extent of voluntary compliance with that tax," wrote Friedman in a recent Newsweek column. He attributes it to a national sense that our tax system is "reasonably fair and that everyone had an obligation to pay his fair share of the cost of government." But that shared feeling of obligation, he concludes, "is breaking down."

Friedman is, as everyone may know, a True Believer in the free market. He frequently points out that what he calls "voluntary elements" in an economy are often its most efficient and prosperous part. "Take Russia or Poland," he says. "The Black Market activity there is about the only thing that allows those countries to function." Multitudes of government regulations and layer upon layer of taxes blunt productivity that is of benefit to the whole society.

"Even though one may deplore the breaking of laws," says Friedman, "the underground economy is a major safety valve. I see it as the greatest defense of our freedom, the surest safeguard against tyranny. That is, the ingenuity of the American people to get around regulations, legally and illegally."

Dr. Friedman, mind you, is not advocating anarchy. No, he is merely making a point about bad laws and regulations. "You saw this with Prohibition," he explains, "and it's the same with excessively high taxes and regulations."

The underground economy is clearly paradoxical—of great benefit and commensurate harm simultaneously. Changing the tax laws, rather than making a hopeless stab at stopping those who break them, is our best course. As Milton Friedman says, "Don't blame the underground economy; blame the laws." ✪

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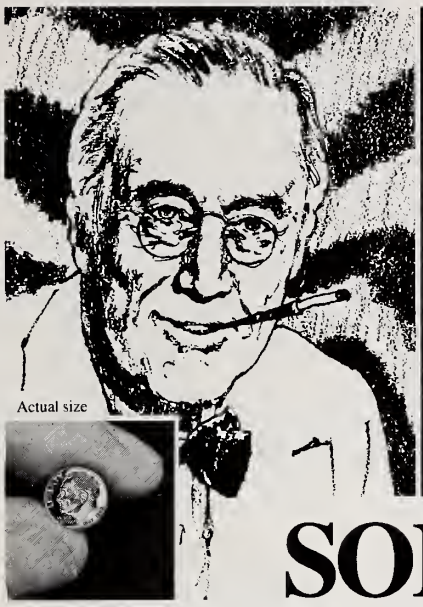

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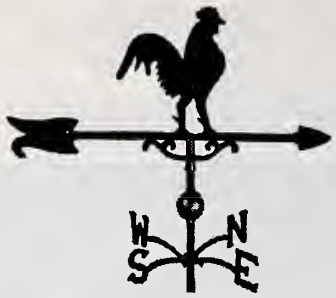

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National Commander

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without some effort on your part."

In the Keller home, love of country was not something that was taken for granted. Each son knew that America, just as Switzerland, demanded the duties of citizenship in return for her bounty. When World War II broke out, Al was a student at the University of Illinois where he was studying agriculture. Uncle Sam interrupted his education in late 1943 with a short letter that began: "Greetings," and you know the rest.

On New Year's Eve 1943—amid his mother's tears of concern and his father's smiles of pride—Pvt. Albert Keller, U.S.A., headed for Ft. Sheridan's school for cooks. But he didn't stay there; a little later he was assigned to the 15th Air Force as a B-24 gunner. Earning four bronze battle stars and the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Keller flew 16 combat missions in the European Theater before being shot down over Vienna in March 1945. Captured by the Nazi's Home Guard and turned over to the German army, he spent time as a prisoner of war at Stalag 7A before being freed by Patton's 14th Armored Division in May.

Discharged in September, Sgt. Keller returned to the University of Illinois where he met his future bride, Genevieve "Gen" Provancal, an engineering student. Eager to make his mark in the world, and tired of academic regimentation after just returning from two years of service, Keller accepted a job offered by his future father-in-law to become a timekeeper at a local firm. By the time he left there five years later, he had advanced into an accounting position—a profession he taught himself primarily through correspondence courses.

Continuing in his chosen field, Keller later started his own tax consultant business while holding down an accounting position in the office of the Kankakee County Clerk. At the time he resigned this past summer to spend full time campaigning for National Commander, Keller was the Administrative Assistant to the Kankakee County Board, as well as Chairman of the City Council's Finance and Budget Committee. A firm believer in community involvement, he also served as Alderman of the sixth ward of Kankakee, the city's largest, for the past 16 years—and that's in addition to his involvement in Legion programs and services.

Though his record of civic, community and Legion service would appear to speak for itself, Cdr. Keller—a quiet, reserved man—is quick to give the credit where he feels it's due: "My wife is the secret of the Keller family success," he said. "Ever since our marriage in 1952, she has provided the strength and determination that has seen us through the hard times and enriched the good times." After their children were born, she stayed home to raise them. During the lean financial years, Gen began taking in sewing to help out and that part-time job has blossomed into her own full-time drapery business today.

Cdr. and Mrs. Keller have two sons: George, a graduate of the University of South Florida, works for the U.S. Customs Service, and he and his family live in Miami; Karl, a graduate of Northwestern Dental School, is a dentist and lives with his family in Manteno, Ill.

Though their active careers and community projects don't leave much time for leisurely pursuits, both Al and Gen enjoy watching football and baseball. "I know I'm going to get some ribbing about this—especially after last season," Keller said, "but I'm a loyal Chicago Cubs fan. From my front door to the stadium is only an hour-and-17-minute drive—and that's a drive I make as often as possible."

The Commander also collects coins and recently began a commemorative plate collection. But his real love is still the Legion and that's where he's spent much of his free time for the past 36 years. What follows are some of his thoughts on topics of concern to all Legionnaires.

On membership: "Yes, of course, we do need to increase our membership base, but let's not confuse numbers with effectiveness. We cannot afford to be large and inactive any more than we can afford to be small and inactive. Every one of our 2.6 million members needs to pull his own weight, do his own part in promoting the programs of the Legion. We must spread the word about who we are and what we do.

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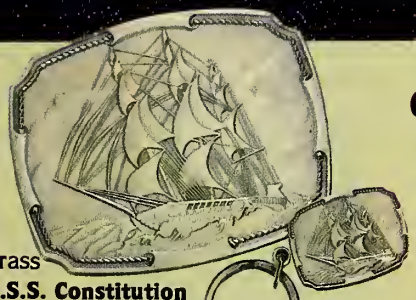

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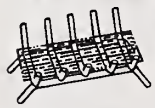

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not just American Legion. The better the image of our Posts, the easier it will be for us to increase membership. And only by steadily increasing our numbers *and our involvement* can we accomplish the mandates of our organization."

On younger veterans: "I think it's a necessary part of the American Legion to bring on Korean and Vietnam veterans the same way as World War I vets found it necessary to bring WWII's along. However, I don't think our older veterans are helping the younger men and women in our Posts develop an interest in leadership as they should.

"I'm a firm believer in bringing the younger veteran into the organization and immediately getting him involved in several of his own areas of interest. But we shouldn't 'throw the book at him,' so to speak, by immediately making him Post Commander or head of the fund drive. They need an opportunity to work their way up and learn the ropes. Yet—and this is important—we shouldn't hold them back either by not giving them all the responsibility they feel they can handle."

On Legion strength: "One of our strengths—and there are many—lies in the fact that we are not a one-issue organization. That will sustain us long after some one-tune associations have come and gone. We are an organization for *all* veterans and our record of accomplishment proves that every veteran has benefited by our existence—and that's something that won't ever change."

On the VA: "The American Legion is probably the strongest supporter of the VA, but we are also their greatest critic when they fail to provide the service they should. To provide that service, though, they need the funds to do the job. The VA's budget, as a percentage of the national budget, has been steadily decreasing over the past few years and this is something we will have to keep a watchful eye on."

On Congress: "We have a good working relationship with the committees on veterans affairs, and I sense that we are expanding our relationship by becoming more involved with committees handling appropriations. This will increase our effectiveness. The time for us to get involved in the budgetary process is at the beginning when we can make our feelings known before decisions have been made. This type of strategy will certainly help curb constant, yet ill-advised, attempts to cut veteran benefits."

On arms agreements: "I think the public believes we need an arms agreement, as well as a freeze on nuclear weapons. I concur with that, provided the agreement is one that does not put the United States in the position of being inferior to the Soviets in any way. I think it ought to be a well-monitored program; an on-site inspection program; an agreement which will hold water; that can be verified in all respects—then, and only then, would I have no objection to any arms agreement or nuclear weapons freeze."

On POWs/MIAs: "We need a full accounting. I think that so long as there is evidence that there is still hope some are alive, and as long as the Communists have failed to account for our missing men, we should push on. We must support government efforts to resolve this issue, and we must continue to call their attention to new evidence. In no case will The American Legion ever forget our POWs/MIAs or their families."

Legion's future: "I think this new mood of voluntarism sweeping the country will make the Legion known for what it is now and always has been: America's foremost organization of dedicated men and women who don't just talk about improving the nation, but actually get out and do something about it. We have already carved a substantial niche in the edifice of this society, and future years will make our continuing contribution even more evident, especially as Legionnaires in increasing numbers take part in the affairs of their respective communities."

National Commander Al Keller—a man who was raised to believe that no person is an island, but a part of the continent; no man stands alone, but is a part of his community—is determined to muster the strength of the Legion into an organized army of active volunteers. "I want them to come out of that Post building and into the streets where they can show their colors, encourage others to join, work in civic affairs, and let their neighbors know what kind of Americans Legionnaires really are.

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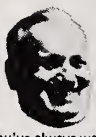

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Windy City

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parade and Patriotic Religious Service. This year's religious service in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton featured the traditional laying of the memorial wreaths and a message by National Chaplain George R. M. Rumney (Va.), who called upon the worshipers to rededicate themselves to America's values, values so great that America's men and women willingly fought and died for them on the world's battlefields.

(For a journey along this year's parade route, see pages 38 and 39.)

Monday was Legion Day at Wrigley Field where hundreds of Legionnaires watched Boys Nation President Joseph Wiegand throw out the first ball to open the game between the Chicago Cubs and San Francisco Giants. The advancement of colors preceding the National Anthem was performed by the Double D's Senior Color Guard of American Legion Post 180, Milwaukee, Ore. And the Cubs, no doubt spurred on by a group of cheering Legionnaires who know good baseball playing when they see it, went on to win 8-5.

Opening day activities of the convention on Tuesday, August 24, featured greetings by Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson and Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne. Special recognition plaques were presented to Navy Capt. Thomas K. Mattingly, II, and Henry W. Hartsfield, Jr., crewmen of the Columbia 4 Space Shuttle flight. Mattingly and Hartsfield described their flight into space and lauded The American Legion for its long-standing support for America's space program.

CIA Director William Casey's keynote address during the convention's first day of business was resoundingly applauded when he told the assembled Legionnaires, "As a nation, we have a propensity for shooting ourselves in the foot. One of these self-inflicted wounds leaves us the only country in the world that gives foreign intelligence agencies and anyone else a legal license to poke into (the CIA's) files.

"I question very seriously whether a secret intelligence agency and the Freedom of Information Act can coexist for very long. The willingness of foreign intelligence services to share information and rely on us fully, and of individuals to risk their lives and reputations to help us will continue to dwindle away unless we get rid of the Freedom of Information Act," he said.

Casey went on to note that national security information should be entitled to protection just as are the files of doctors, lawyers, clergymen and grand juries. "I'm not asking for any retreat from our commitment to protecting essential liberties," he said, "but only to bear in mind, as Justice Goldberg once said, that 'while the Constitution protects against invasions of individual rights, it is not a suicide pact.'"

Another address of note was delivered by Robert P. Nimmo, VA Administrator, who used the occasion to address critics of his first year in the VA's top job. Nimmo said he makes no apologies for having spent funds to redecorate VA administrative offices—one of the charges levied against him—noting that he "inherited drab, dull offices with stained and torn carpeting" that were inappropriate for the offices of the government's second largest agency.

Nimmo blasted journalists who had quoted him as saying, "I don't care about veterans" and that he called Vietnam veterans "coddled and pampered." His response: "I never said it and I never will."

Nimmo also announced plans to seek increased funding in the coming fiscal years for medical research programs, Agent Orange research and the construction of outpatient clinics and nursing homes.

The American Legion's Fourth Estate Award was presented on the second day of the convention to Newsweek magazine for its in-depth article about "Charlie" Company, which traced the war experiences of one Army company in Vietnam and followed up with a look at the soldiers' lives today. Accepting for Newsweek were Peter Goldman, senior editor, and Tony Fuller, national correspondent and principal author of the piece that took up almost the entire issue in which it was featured.

Also announced during the Wednesday session were the winners of the 1981 "Employers of the Year for Hiring Veterans" award, a program sponsored by the Legion under the supervision of the National Economic Commission. The awards this year went to the Inland Manufacturing Company of Omaha, Neb., (company-with-200-or-less-employees category) and to Pope and Talbot, Inc., of Eau Claire, Wis., (company-with-more-

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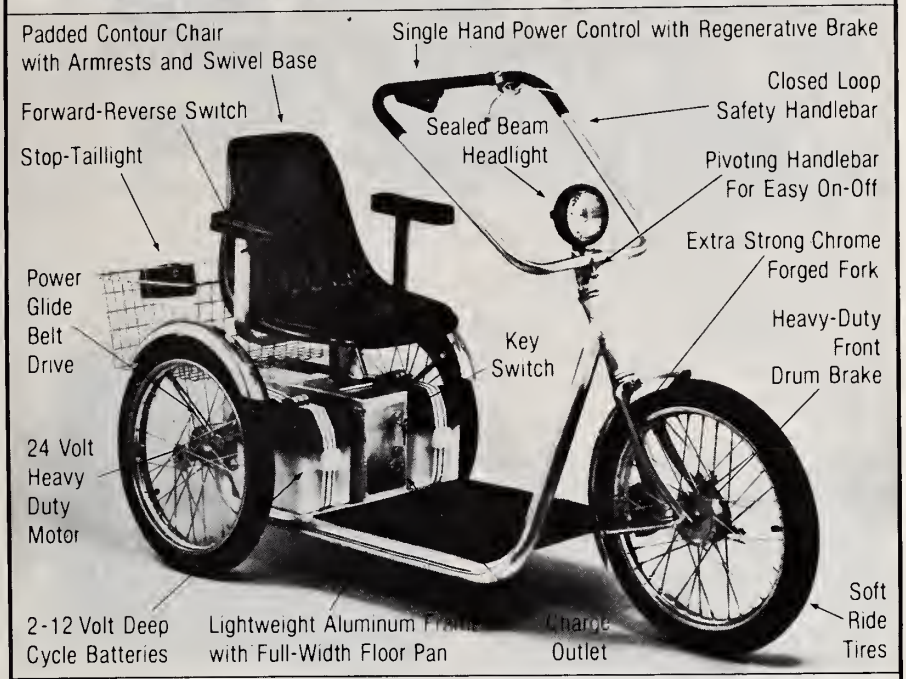

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Cdr. Flynt took the opportunity to announce a new voluntarism award to begin next year, "The Good Neighbor Program," sponsored by Gordon's Dry Gin Limited. Flynt called the program "an innovative way to acknowledge the outstanding contributions individual Legionnaires make each year to their communities, fellow citizens and veterans." Details of the program were contained in the August and September issues.

The closing session of the convention was marked by an occasion at once solemn and joyous as an oversized check representing the Legion's $1 million donation to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund was unveiled. The project was launched by Past Natl. Cdr. Michael Kogutek and Past Auxiliary President Dora Seymour and was successfully concluded under Cdr. Flynt's leadership.

On hand for the presentation—which included a six-minute film outlining the memorial's goals, and a montage of battlefield scenes through the years—were VVMF President Jan C. Scruggs and Janice Welsh, the widow of a Vietnam veteran and author of a poignant letter to Cdr. Flynt detailing why a memorial should be built.

Also present was Sen. John Warner, R-VA., one of the sponsors of legislation permitting the memorial's construction. "My mission today is two-fold," he said, "to thank The American Legion for its $1 million contribution to building the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and to thank The American Legion for helping rebuild America's unity.

"The support given by The American Legion to the memorial is far more than the check just received and my pride in you has only grown stronger."

Immediately following the check presentation, it was time for one more piece of business before the election of the National Commander. The business at hand was an address by the

Vice President of the United States.

Vice Pres. George Bush delivered a rousing speech that the nearly 3,000 Legionnaire delegates interrupted 11 times with applause and cheers. Bush insisted that Pres. Reagan's sanctions against the Soviet Union's trans-Siberian pipeline will delay construction of the project, a view not shared by administration critics. Further, the Vice President, who is a member of Post 313 in Houston, Texas, told the Legionnaires he appreciates their support of the administration's record defense budget, saying it was necessary for dealing with the Soviet Union. "Frankly, we don't trust them," he said, prompting the loudest response of the address.

Although it might have seemed impossible to some after the rousing approval delegates gave Bush's address, there was still plenty of spirit—and noise—remaining for the roll call vote and eventual election of Al Keller, Jr., of Kankakee, Ill., as National Commander 1982-83. His election, punctuated by Keller Keymen and delegates dancing and prancing in the aisles—and a strutting Chinese dragon which lifted the spirits of all to the point of elation—was achieved by acclamation after a motion to permit the National Adjutant to cast a single vote on behalf of all the delegates was approved.

No, maybe the 64th National Convention of The American Legion—its excitement, its accomplishments, its high points—cannot be summarized in a single, descriptive phrase. However, for those who insist that every happening of substance be neatly boxed, clearly labeled and accurately filed for future reference, suffice it to say that in August 1982, more than 15,000 concerned Legionnaires traveled to Chicago because they care about America and her veterans. They met old friends and made new ones; they partied and toured; they listened to scores of experts in every major field of Legion concern and spent countless hours mulling over the problems America faces. Never once, though, did they forget that their mission was to help America work by proposing constructive solutions to difficult, far-ranging problems.

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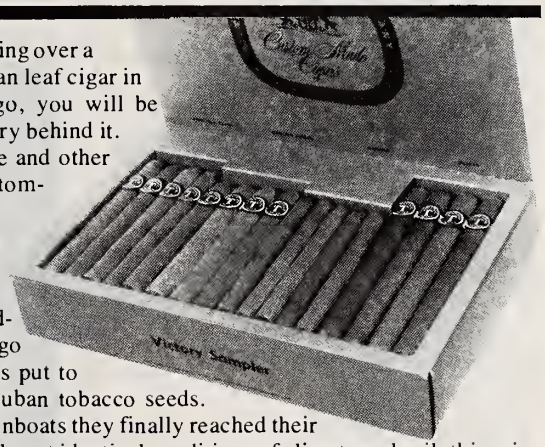

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496. Opposes any changes in the reduction-in-force regulations which would be harmful to veterans in federal employment.
298. Reiterates continued support for the U.S. Savings Bond Program.
191. Asks that The American Legion promote through its Posts and Departments the purchase of American-manufactured goods.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

17. Supports legislation to provide space available travel on military aircraft for 100 percent disabled veterans.
43. Urges the VA to plan and develop a comprehensive health care program and related services for the aging veteran.
54. Opposes reorganization plans that would transfer from the VA sole jurisdiction of any veterans benefits and service programs.
56. Opposes any proposal that would consolidate or centralize the operations of the VA Regional Offices.
112. Petitions Congress to adequately fund the VA Health Care System construction program.

On the convention rostrum—Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.

119. Is against legislation that would provide for third party reimbursement of the cost of medical care provided by the VA to veterans who are eligible for and apply for such care.
126. Urges the President and Congress to provide full funding for all veterans programs.
140. Reiteration of Legion's policy regarding federal Social Security programs: opposes any legislation or attempts to merge VA programs with Social Security programs; Legion shall sponsor or support only such amendments to the Social Security Act as amended as would correct defects or deficiencies in the Act which affect veterans, their dependents or in-service personnel.
141. Opposes legislation which would authorize judicial review of the decisions of the Administrator of Veterans Affairs.
181. Opposes any attempt to eliminate or delay renovation or replacement projects at VA Medical Centers.
280. Urges that veterans compensation, pension and readjustment allowances not be considered as benefits and entitlements, but shall be considered as rights.
283. States the American Legion's policy on National Health Insurance: Legion is unopposed as long as it does not impinge on exclusivity of VA Health Care System for veterans.
284. Supports legislation which would make the Veterans Administration an Executive Department of the federal government.
385. Expresses opposition to any proposal that would merge the administration and payment of veterans benefits from the VA with those now administered by the Social Security Administration, or any other federal agency.
393. Seeks funding for the VA Nurse Scholarship Program, and the establishment of innovative and stimulating programs to attract nurses into VA service.
409. States American Legion policy on radiation exposure cases: urges full federal cooperation with the VA to ensure proper development and adjudication of claims involving disabilities resulting from exposure to radiation.
410. States American Legion policy on Agent Orange: fully supports continuing research by independent scientific agency; asks for a mechanism for presumption of service connection for certain disabilities traced to Agent Orange exposure once such presumption is justified by scientific evidence; calls for dissemination of the most current responsible information to Legionnaires and Vietnam veterans; urges continuing monitoring of VA to ensure that veterans requesting Agent Orange examinations are being thoroughly examined and treated with compassion.
411. Opposes the VA Department of Medicine and Surgery contracting out of services deemed essential for delivery of integrated quality medical care to eligible veterans.
384. States The American Legion policy on improving the National Cemetery System and death and burial benefits for veterans: supports establishment of national cemeteries where needed; supports legislation to provide contract burial for indigent veterans; supports necessary funding providing for construction of columbaria and mausoleums wherever feasible within national cemeteries; asks for restoral of the burial allowance in an amount not less than $400.
9. Supports legislation to restore the grants-in-aid program and nursing home care to the Veterans Memorial Medical Center in the Philippines.
74. Favors legislation to amend Title 38, USC, Section 5031, to permit states to receive VA assistance for the acquisition and rehabilitation of certain facilities.
144. Supports an annual review and revision of the rates of reimbursement by the VA for the care provided veterans in state veterans homes.
396. Urges Congress to authorize adequate budget funding for VA medical research programs.
450. Sponsors and supports legislation to amend 38, USC, so as to provide that the Administrator of Veterans Affairs may provide certain benefits to Canadian Armed Forces veterans.
451. Favors legislation to provide adequate funds for construction, remodeling and renovation of state veterans homes.
130. Urges legislation to increase allowances in education and training under Chapter 34, Title 38, USC.
80. Petitions Congress to amend Title 38, USC to provide mortgage life insurance for those veterans unable to acquire commercial life insurance because of service-connected disabilities.
292. Supports legislation to amend Title 38, USC, Chapter 19, so as to provide a special government life insurance program for Vietnam era veterans.
58. Favors legislation to provide for the payment of a clothing allowance to any veteran with a compensable skin condition when it is determined there is clothing spoilage due to the use of prescribed medication.
59. Supports legislation to amend Section 314, Title 38, USC, to increase the monthly rates of disability compensation.
78. Opposes any proposal to weaken the Disability Compensation Program or dilute benefits payable to disabled veterans under laws and regulations administered by the VA.
79. Supports legislation to increase by a reasonable amount the maximum payment by VA of specially adapted housing assistance to certain veterans.
99. Expresses support for legislation to amend Title 38, USC 3104 so as to remove the restriction against the receipt of armed forces retirement pay, due to length of service, concurrently with VA compensation.
136. Sponsors and supports legislation to provide a seven-year presumption period for Syringomyelia.
137. Calls for amendment of Section 314, Title 38, USC, to provide a two-year presumptive period for psychosis in the case of a veteran who served 90 days or more during a period of war.
282. Favors legislation to amend Title 38, USC, so as to provide a special pension program for veterans of World War I.
290. Supports legislation to amend Section 411, Title 38, USC, so as to increase the monthly rates of dependency and indemnity compensation.
291. Favors legislation to amend Title 38, USC, 314(k) to include the loss of one lung or loss of one kidney to the list of anatomical loss or loss of use disabilities.
294. Calls for legislation to amend Title 38, USC, 110 to provide that a disability rated at or above a certain evaluation for 10 or more years shall be protected, except where it is shown that such rating was based upon fraud.
394. Supports legislation to restore the payment of burial allowance; and to increase the burial allowance for veterans to $400 plus the $150 plot allowance.
395. Opposes adoption and application of any VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities which is not based upon the average impairment of earning capacity resulting from pathological conditions in civil occupations.
401. Opposes the decision by the VA to deny payment of a burial allowance to veterans who die in a private nursing home while under VA contract.
405. Urges that the Administrator of Veterans Affairs implement more equitable regulations for use in considering waivers of overpayment.
408. Favors legislation to amend Title 38, USC, Section 3203 so as to increase the amount of pension payable to certain veterans who are furnished domiciliary, hospital or nursing home care.
489. Sponsors and supports legislation to amend Title 38, USC, Chapter 15, to further improve the disability and death pension program for veterans and their dependents.

Foreign Relations

171. Encourages freedom for Poland's citizens and opposes Soviet intervention in any form into Poland's internal affairs.
174. Strongly opposes the construction of a Soviet gas pipeline and urges the United States and Western European nations to seek alternative sources of energy so such a pipeline will not be necessary.
311. Calls for increased political pressures to be applied against the Soviet Union to effect greater freedom for people, including utilization of radio broadcasts.
317. Urges amendment of the Freedom of Information Act to provide that certain agencies may withhold sensitive information and data, the release of which would damage the interests of the U.S. or hamper the operation of the FBI, CIA or other agencies dealing with intelligence and security matters.
504. Opposes establishment of a National Peace Academy.
498. Favors an agreement on Namibian independence which provides for free and fair elections, withdrawal of South African forces, independence for Namibia and withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola.

On the convention rostrum—Newsweek national correspondent Tony Fuller accepts the Fourth Estate Award.

500. Asks the United States to lift all sanctions and offer assistance to help the government of the Republic of South Africa to accomplish its policy of training and self-help to the various peoples of the country.
501. Seeks formation of full diplomatic ties with South Africa, termination of all sanctions against that country, designation of "most favored nation," and entrance into a mutually acceptable military alliance with South Africa.
27. Petitions Congress to reaffirm its commitment to the security of the Republic of Korea; asks for increase of U.S. force strength; urges that any plan to withdraw U.S. military forces from the Republic of Korea be considered only after adoption of a bonafide peace treaty between North and South Korea.
225. States that the Legion firmly supports sale of modern defense articles to the Republic of China in such quantities sufficient for that nation to maintain self-defense capabilities; reiterates Legion support of U.S. security commitment to ROC.
226. Calls for restoration of diplomatic and military relations between the Republic of China and the United States.
228. Supports the sale of necessary, modern, state-of-the-art defensive military arms and equipment to the Republic of Korea.
505. Reiterates Legion support for POW/MIAs and calls for continued pressure to be placed on offending nations, in increasing amounts, until issue is satisfactorily resolved.
2. Urges and charges the U.S. Government to increase our influence in the Western Hemisphere by providing economic assistance to anti-Communist countries in this hemisphere; restoring former ranks of U.S. Southern Command's CinC and its Army and Navy Component Commanders; beefing up U.S. Southern Air Division; broadcasting the truth about the free world.
26. Calls upon President and Congress to continue the policy of no trade with Communist Cuba; asks that no concessions be made which would dilute U.S. control of Guantanamo Bay as a Naval base; favors continuation of SR 71 intelligence-gathering overflights of Cuba.
176. Asks the U.S. Government to support the Central American Defense Council.

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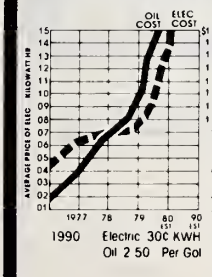

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310. Urges the U.S. Government to provide adequate economic aid to El Salvador and furnish increased military training and equipment as necessary to defeat the guerrillas.
484. Petitions the administration to enlarge the Caribbean Basin Initiative into a true Marshall-type Plan for the area; calls for development of adequate military and intelligence capabilities for use in Caribbean Basin; calls for increased educational exchanges; calls for the Legion to inform the public and Congress of vital U.S. interests in the Caribbean Basin.
29. Expresses support for the Afghanistan freedom fighters.
503. Calls for U.S. adoption of a comprehensive Middle East policy to achieve the following objectives: a secure Israel; free and uninterrupted flow of petroleum from the Persian Gulf states; restoration of Lebanese sovereignty and withdrawal of all foreign troops from Lebanon.
172. Asks for continued U.S. support of NATO.
466. Deals with proposed investigation into tax-exempt status of certain groups forming the "disarmament lobby."
497. Supports the administration's position on the Law of the Sea Treaty; urges that appropriate steps be taken to safeguard U.S. rights in this area.
499. States the Legion's policy on nuclear arms control, supports arms controls which do not place the United States in a position of inferiority and are verifiable.
502. Urges the administration to continue to seek effective UN operations consistent with the UN Charter's stated purposes; refuse to finance inappropriate UN activities, take actions to eliminate espionage activities against the U.S. from within the UN.

National Security

4. Asks that Congress fund the Latin American Regional Training Program.
265. Calls for a new strategic nuclear policy which will lead the U.S. to develop the needed strength to destroy Soviet strategic offensive capabilities, rather than destruction of soft targets.
322. Advocates a nuclear freeze that does not preclude the U.S. from developing and maintaining adequate nuclear capabilities for deterrence and successful conflict resolution; examines U.S. NATO factor; provides for effective monitoring of compliance.
324. Expresses continued support of the Peace Through Strength program.
474. Urges Congress to provide adequate funding for ROTC and Junior ROTC.
491. Commends members of Congress attempting to improve U.S. national defense posture; urges Congress to continue to support an adequate national defense program.
530. Petitions Congress to modernize our national defense industrial base.
32. Calls for adoption of a new military strategy that would take advantage of space technology, and provide for a space-based ballistic missile defense system.
148. Recommends that the U.S. proceed forthwith to counteract the Soviet threat in space.
269. Asks for necessary funding to modernize the U.S. Air Force.
272. Urges U.S. Government to support the Air Force program to re-engine its KC-135 tanker force with new, fuel-efficient engines.
274. Asks for U.S. Government support of efforts to develop and deploy the M-X missile and calls for an early decision on basing mode offering the greatest possibility of survival.
275. Supports the U.S. Air Force's efforts to procure a sufficient number of AWACS to meet national defense requirements.
335. Recommends Congressional support of the A-10 program in both single-seat and two-seat configuration.
336. Petitions Congress to fully support the Air Force efforts to increase the production rates and capabilities of our tactical aircraft so that older, less capable aircraft in our active and reserve units may be replaced as quickly as possible.
338. Urges expeditious action to provide full support to the Air Force in its efforts to develop and deploy modern long-range combat aircraft in sufficient numbers at an early date so as to insure the effectiveness of the bomber element of the TRIAD; asks for support for development of an advanced technology bomber.
339. Seeks sufficient funding to ensure that enough airlift capability will be available to provide for rapid deployment of U.S. armed forces anywhere in the world.
468. Supports President's decision to produce the B-1 bomber, followed later by ATB.
520. Wants adoption of a defense policy which will emphasize the ability to limit damage to our land-based missiles and other military targets by utilization of an accelerated development of both peaceful and military uses of space.
3. Calls for a strong U.S. civil defense program.
64. Seeks a review of the judicial system and its schedule of penalties imposed for violent crime for the purpose of establishing a deterrent thereto.
151. Reaffirms the Legion's stand on the right to own and bear arms.
205. Expresses continued support of citizen participation in crime prevention programs.
281. Endorses legislative reform of the "insanity defense" in criminal trials; calls for replacement of current language with that effecting a plea of guilty and mentally ill, with an appropriate sentence to fit the crime.

344. Urges that anyone convicted of a felony crime involving the use of a firearm be sentenced to not less than 10 years in prison without benefit of early release or parole.
446. Asks for stiffened penalties in criminal cases; urges law-making bodies to expand the services to "innocent victims" of crime so as to assist these persons monetarily and spiritually.
74. Calls for modification of EPA rules concerning the dredging and disposal of harbor and channel spoils.
360. Reiterates the Legion's support of a strong Merchant Marine.
472. Calls for modernization of the U.S. Merchant Marine fleet.
519. Details conditions under which increased waterway user fees might be acceptable.
18. Opposes the abolishment of the Corps of Chaplains in the U.S. military services.
147. Supports the total force concept for the U.S. military services.
149. Calls upon Congress to authorize and appropriate the necessary funds to support the U.S. Army's efforts, as the DoD executive agent in matters of chemical warfare defense, to embark on a realistic research, development and acquisition program to deter the Soviet Union's use of chemical weapons.
150. Urges Congress to authorize and appropriate sufficient funds to provide the U.S. Army strategic mobility improvements.
202. Supports legislation to continue and to improve incentive bonuses for the National Guard.
203. Supports legislation which would remove the National Guard technician pay cap.
204. Petitions Congress to pass legislation requiring certain companies to pay an employee on temporary active duty with the National Guard or Reserves, whether such duty is mandatory or voluntary, the difference between his military pay and his regular pay when he returns to his place of employment after release from temporary active duty.
206. Calls for enactment of legislation providing medical benefits to members of the National Guard and Reserve under certain conditions.
207. Supports legislation to provide incentive pay for National Guard and Reserve medical personnel.
209. Favors legislation to allow reemployment rights of up to one year for National Guard and Reserve personnel on active duty for training.
210. Asks that Title 5, USC, be amended to include full-time training as military service for the purpose of Federal Civil Service retirement.
234. Calls for enactment of legislation making any discrimination against employment of persons who are or become members of National Guard or Reserves illegal.
250. Supports legislation to eliminate off-set Social Security benefits based on retiree's military service, and to permit concurrent payment of SBP annuity and DIC.
259. Asks that Armed Forces Day be changed to Armed Forces Appreciation Day.
264. Requests that the Appropriations Committees in both the House and Senate permit military retirees to retain dual compensation if they hold a federal job after their discharge from the armed forces.
319. Petitions Congress to reactivate the Citizen's Military Training Corps.
353. Supports the Army 86 studies, the Army 90 transition plan, and the initiative under way at Fort Lewis as essential to the development and adoption of dynamic force structures capable of defeating any threat.
354. Seeks sufficient funding by Congress to provide and maintain quality-of-life aspects of our service men and women, and their families.
355. Supports a return to the military draft.
471. Supports Rapid Deployment Forces.
487. Supports a strong National Guard.
516. Calls for legislation which would authorize and fund an education incentive program to support retention and recruiting for active and reserve forces.
517. Opposes the erosion of benefits for members of the armed forces.
518. Urges Congress and the President to disallow any government supported educational or business loans, grants, scholarships or annuities to those individuals who fail to register with the Selective Service when they reach age 18.
34. Calls for modernization of the U.S. Coast Guard.
341. Expresses support for the fixed-wing V/STOL aviation program.
358. Asks for the development of a hydrofoil craft large enough to accommodate a missile system, and that such craft be made available to our NATO allies in sufficient numbers to be deployed in the Baltic and Black Seas as a deterrent.
361. Calls for expansion and development of the ARAPAHO Project.
362. Supports a strong U.S. Naval Reserve.
363. Calls for deployment and testing of a true deployable, heavy-lift capability for the U.S. Navy.

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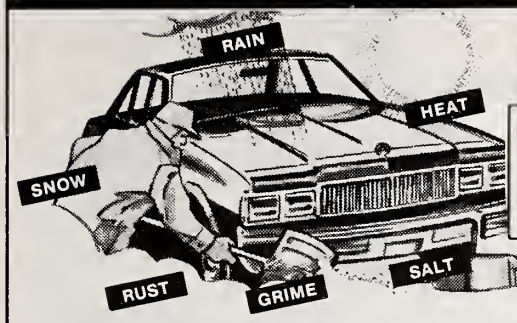

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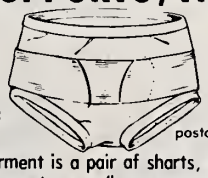

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Secret Crime

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party, they were searched and the diamonds found in their possession. They had counted on the fact that visitors leaving a ship after a farewell party are never checked.

Another trans-Atlantic traveler, a diamond merchant, brought thousands of dollars worth of diamonds back from Amsterdam every year and always properly declared them and paid the duty. But it was later learned that he also had disposed of some particularly fine stones on which he had not paid duty. After that, he was subject to searches every time he arrived from abroad. The inspectors took the handle off his shaving brush, the soles of his shoes, squeezed his toothpaste tubes dry—but failed to find any hidden stone until, acting on a hunch, one agent ordered him to remove his glass eye and found a diamond cemented inside!

One day, an inspector at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport was ready to routinely okay a shipment of 5,000 cheap children's watches, when he suddenly realized that the watch faces had no numerals, which toy watches always have so that children can learn to tell time. Opening one, he found it was a jeweled Swiss watch worth $500.

The ingenuity of smugglers knows no bounds—whether it's dope or diamonds, pot or parrots they are attempting to sneak into the country duty-free—but neither does the inquisitiveness of customs inspectors.

One sharp-eyed inspector was struck by the incongruity of an attractive, expensively dressed woman taking a wad of chewing gum out of her mouth and sticking it to a post while her luggage was being examined. When she retrieved the gum after the inspection, she was ordered to hand over the wad. It contained a large ruby.

Another inspector heard strange noises coming from the door of a car stopped for inspection at a bridge in Brownsville, Texas. Removal of the door paneling disclosed 44 partially tranquilized cockatoo parrots, which cost about a dollar apiece in Mexico but sell for up to $75 in the United States. Not only was the smuggler attempting to evade payment of duty, but was transporting carriers of a disease often fatal to humans. A customs inspector once died of "parrot fever" after confiscating a shipment of the disease-carrying birds.

Customs inspectors also make good

use of noses as well as eyes and ears—with the help of dogs who are specially trained to sniff out drugs. These trained dogs, almost all German Shepherds, have had an almost 100 percent accuracy rating in detecting a variety of illegal narcotics. One dog sniffed out five pounds of heroin concealed in the gas tank of a car even though the drug was wrapped in rubber and completely sealed with masking tape. Another scratched excitedly at the floor of a fiberglass boat being pulled through customs on a trailer. Inspectors, drilling through the floor, removed 317 pounds of marijuana.

Some smuggling tricks are as bizarre as any to be found in a James Bond spy thriller. Not long ago, customs inspectors smashed a smuggling operation involving a sailor who dumped containers of opium three miles out at sea so weighted that they would float 10 feet below the water's surface. Attached to the outside of each container was a capsule filled with radioactive waste. Scuba divers, equipped with Geiger counters, located the containers and towed them to shore—an operation that might be continuing today if an "informer" hadn't tipped off customs officials.

Customs officials frankly admit that informers, as in all undercover work, provide the keys that unlock the secrets of many smugglers who otherwise might pass undetected through the many doorways to the nation. Like the smugglers themselves, there are both professional and amateur tipsters—some doing it for revenge, others for the reward.

These rewards can run as high as $50,000, with informants paid up to 25 percent of the value of the smuggled goods. One Detroit woman who informed on a neighbor told customs officials that the reward money wasn't her basic reason. She said she "just got tired" of hearing her neighbor boast about the superiority of the English goods she smuggled in.

But despite invaluable tips by informers and important advances in science, smart work by the inspectors themselves still accounts for most of the $4 billion in penalties and tax fraud payments and the more than $300 million in dope seizures collected annually by the U.S. Customs Service.

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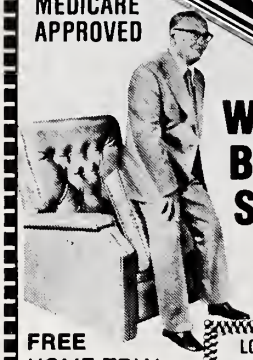

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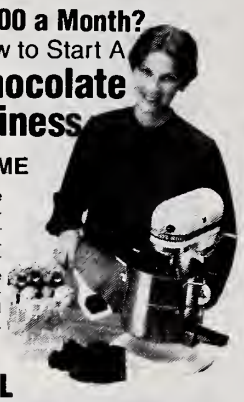

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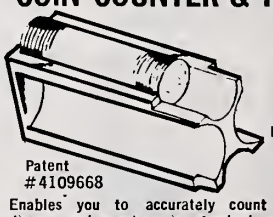

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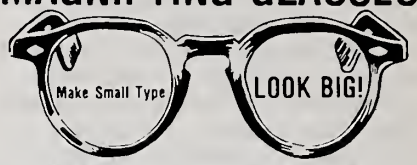

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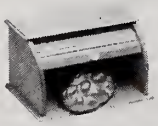

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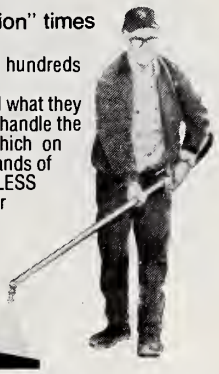

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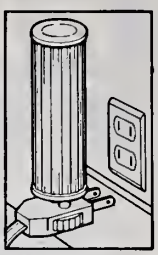

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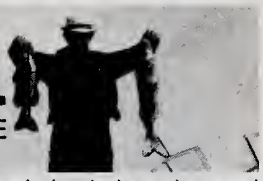

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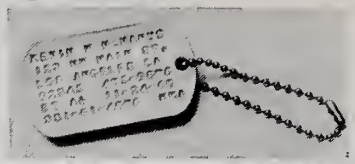

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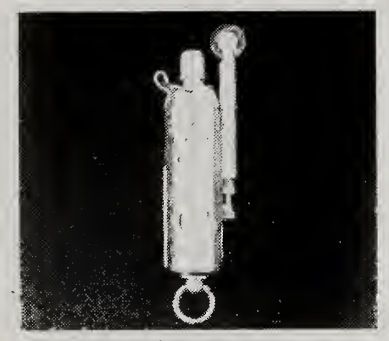

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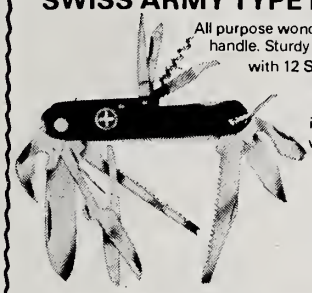

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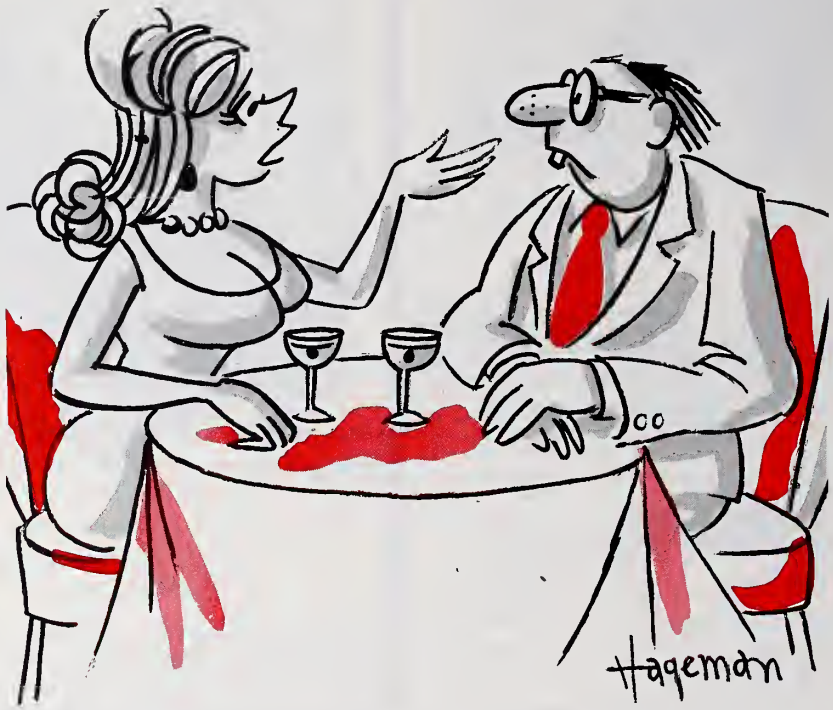

"Of course there's no one else, Harold. If there were, I wouldn't be going with you."

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A stockholder was studying the annual report and one of the items was "Cash Flew—$300,000." He wrote to the chairman of the board, "That's 'Cash Flow.' Your accountant is in error."

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—CARLA CONNOR

Life Support

Doctor rushing out of study: "Get my kit! A man just called and said he can't live another five minutes without me!"

Daughter: "Relax, Dad. I'm sure that call was for me."

—JAMES R. NICHOLSON

Heads or Tails?

Two men walking along the street encountered a large dog blocking the sidewalk.

"Don't be afraid," one of the men told his more timid companion. "When a dog wags his tail he won't bite you."

"That may be," admitted the other, "but look at that wild gleam in his eye. I don't know which end to believe."

—DEBRA A. DAVOREN

Reflex

The company hired a fellow who indicated on his resume he had served 20 years in the armed forces. They found him to be efficient, but frequently late in the morning.

Finally the boss called him into the office to discuss the problem, and asked, "When you were in the Army, what did they say when you came in late?"

Unperturbed, the fellow said, "Well, it was usually 'Good morning, Major.' "

—GEORGE SAMUELS

Democracy is a process by which the people are free to choose the man who will get the blame.

—JOHN A. BENTLEY

Squeaking Bye

If money talks, I've never heard
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—MILDRED STOKES HOBBS

Sometimes you have to wonder about progress. Take education, for example. We've gone from "little red schoolhouses" to "little-read school books."

—ROSEMARIE WILLIAMSON

A playboy was spurned by a young lady he was pursuing when she discovered his intentions.

"But I was truthful with her," he said in his defense. "She was talking about marriage, and I told her I didn't want to share the best years of her life—just the weekends."

JONATHAN EDWARDS

Two small boys with a bicycle were both trying to ride it at the same time, but there was little evident enjoyment. Finally one of the youngsters turned to the other and said, "You know, one of us could have a lot of fun if you'd get off."

—MARYLIN RIES

Bleat for Relief

Isn't it astounding how meekly Americans stand still for inflation and ever-increasing taxes? Why, even a sheep gives a bleat and has to be caught before being clipped.

—GEORGE E. BERGMAN

Space-Age Suburb

With the rocket launchers lifting
And the polar caps a-shifting,
Makes a body think doomsday's coming soon.
Guess I'll flee this earthly peril
And, before the race is sterile,
Build myself a little condo on the moon.

—SALLY PALMER

Teacher: "Who lived in the Garden of Eden?"

Small boy: "The Adamses."

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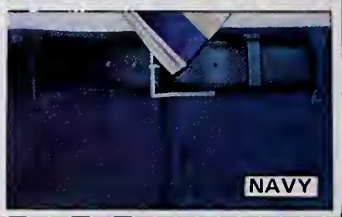

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